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POLITICAL

1. Upper House Election Campaign in Home Stretch

Election campaign for Upper House of Diet concludes July 3 with an estimated 60% of 61.7 million eligible voters scheduled to go to the polls on July 4. Most forecasts show small loss in seats for Liberal Democratic Party and small gain for opposition Japan Socialist Party. Komeito expected to elect most of its 14 candidates and prospects for Democratic Socialist Party are gloomy. Campaign has been fought in terms of local issues and personalities with both leftists and conservatives putting their main effort into coaxing their traditional supporters to polls and capturing "floating vote" rather than into serious attempts to win over people from other camp. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: If Socialists make predicted gains, they will of course claim moral victory, but results within predicted range would in fact indicate that adverse factors, particularly "recession mood," had done surprisingly little harm to LDP. LDP officials, apparently feeling that election campaign has helped improve party chances, are more optimistic than one month ago. Komeito expected to make striking numerical gain, but defeat of even one Komeito candidate would be regarded as setback and as perhaps marking upper limits of its political growth. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. A-A Conference

Early in week public interest concentrated heavily on postponement of Bandung II and ^{on} role played by Japanese Ambassadorial delegation in final scenes at Algiers. The Japanese delegates' strong statements of support for moderate nations' move to postpone and of regret that Conference sponsors sought to exclude some Asian nations were immediately followed by political leaders' assurances in Tokyo that Japan remains committed to participate in the Conference next November. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Conference breakdown may ^{have been} ^{certain} disappointment to LDP politicians, who had hoped to gain some political profit for conservative cause in current Upper House election out of Japan's playing leading role among moderates at conference. Perhaps fearing opposition parties would attempt to take political advantage of situation, LDP leaders were quick to downgrade unexpected strong stand of Japan's diplomats at Algiers. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. New Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs

Takezo SHIMODA, former Minister at Embassy in Washington and most recently Ambassador to USSR since late 1963, replaced Takio ODA as Vice Minister June 30. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Appointment of Shimoda, who is experienced and competent career diplomat, forecasts continuance professional performance of Vice Ministership which characterized Oda's tenure. Oda has not divulged his plans for future. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. New Zealand PriMin in Japan

Repaying visit of Japanese PriMin year and half ago, New Zealand PriMin HOLYOAKE accompanied by wife arrived in Tokyo June 30 for official seven-day visit, which will include meeting with PriMin Sato and audience with Emperor and Empress July 6.

During call on FonMin SHIINA and in statements to press July 1, Holyoake said New Zealand proceeding with plans to send artillery battery to South Viet-Nam. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Holyoake's announcement on dispatch of New Zealand troops was helpful to GOJ position supporting (even though cautiously) anti-communist efforts in South Viet-Nam. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Japan to Seek Security Council Seat

FonMin Shiina announced June 30 that Cabinet decided Japan would seek seat on expanded United Nations Security Council. FonOff informed Embassy several weeks ago that their soundings indicated Japan would probably not encounter serious Asian opposition for seat. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Japanese candidacy reflects continuing desire for representation on major U.N. organ as part of more prominent role in international affairs. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Japan Celebrates UN Anniversary

Japan celebrated 20th Anniversary of founding of United Nations on June 26 with impressive public ceremony featuring address by Crown Prince Akihito. Prime Minister Sato, campaigning in Kyushu, sent message to gathering pledging GOJ support for stronger United Nations. Anniversary was given heavy attention in Japanese press with long feature articles, editorials and columns. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Emphasis given to Anniversary celebration in Tokyo underscores strong Japanese concern for viable and effective UN in context Japanese public emphasis on "UN-centered diplomacy." (UNCLASSIFIED)


MILITARY


7. Joint USN-JMSDF ASW Exercise Ends



Joint USN-JMSDF Sea of Japan ASW exercise terminated June 25, and was followed by port visits to Otaru, Muroran, Aomori and Hakodate. Port visits, particularly at Hakodate (where USS BENNINGTON called) were preceded by protests and demonstrations against U.S. Seventh Fleet and its Vietnam operations. Actual visits, however, very calm, with no demonstrations and warm reception by majority of population. (UNCLASSIFIED)





Comment: JMSDF performance rated excellent and showed high degree of competency. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Upper House Election Results

Final returns in July 4 elections for House of Councillors gave LDP 71 seats (46 prefectural, 25 national); JSP 36 seats (24 prefectural, 12 national); Komeito 11 seats (2 prefectural, 9 national); DSP 3 seats (1 prefectural, 2 national); JCP 3 seats (1 prefectural, 2 national); Independents 3 seats (1 prefectural, 2 national). Elections in two Kumamoto villages postponed until July 11 due to floods are not expected to change picture. Current Upper House strengths (pre-election strengths in parentheses): LDP 140 (144), JSP 73 (65), Komeito 20 (13), DSP 7 (9), JCP 4 (3), and Independents 5 (9- including 4 members of dissolved minor parties).

LDP percentage of total vote in national constituency rose

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from 46.4 to 47.3, but in local constituencies dropped from 47.1 to 44.2, suffering notable drop from 36.3 to 21.76 in Tokyo, where LDP completely shut out. Despite gain of 8 seats, JSP percentage of total national constituency vote declined from 24.2 in 1962 to 23.5, while percentage of local constituency remained unchanged at 32.8. In similar pattern, JCP votes were 2.6 million (6.9%) in local constituencies, but only 1.5 million (4.4%) in national constituency. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: (Ref: Embtel 50, Embtel 68) Although LDP won two more seats than in 1962 (or same as in 1959) and actual loss of 4 is less than press predicted, Tokyo press characteristically played up JSP gains and fact LDP shut out in Tokyo. LDP Tokyo setback probably attributable to Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly scandal and lack of big-name candidates. JSP gain of 8 seats is on high side of predictions and Socialists attempting to make most of this, but party leadership apparently also sobered by fact percentage of popular vote failed to grow. DSP loss of two seats is serious blow to party and to Nishio leadership. Komeito made impressive gain, as expected, but losses in Fukuoka, Hyogo and Aichi are setback to party prestige and explode myth of Komeito invincibility. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Ichiro KONO Dies

Ex-State Minister and influential LDP leader Ichiro KONO, 67, died evening July 8 of "ruptured aneurysm in abdomen" 25 hours after he was first stricken. Death came suddenly after Kono had rallied from initial attack which put him in coma for several hours. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kono's passing removes strongest potential rival to Sato within LDP fold. Large Kono faction appears unlikely to remain intact without his personal leadership. Weakening of intra party opposition strengthens Sato, but will also introduce period of instability within party as new factional alignments take shape. Kono had probably widest popular appeal of any of top LDP leaders, and his removal may make party more vulnerable to attack as overly "bureaucratic." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Tokyo Assembly Elections

On heels of Upper House election (see Item 1), Tokyo citizens are exposed again to sound and fury of another election contest as 302 candidates (including 75 LDP, 57 JSP, 34 JCP, 23 Komeito, 22 DSP) began 15-day campaign for 120 seats in Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly. Assembly, in turmoil since April when Speaker and several other LDP Assembly members indicted for vote-buying and other irregularities (WEEKA 16, Item 3), dissolved itself June 14 (WEEKA 24, Item 2). New elections scheduled for July 23. Major parties indicated intention have national leadership take full role in campaign, which placed under direct control of respective national headquarters. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: LDP, currently under cloud in capital, faces tough battle and may not regain majority. In view of number of candidates from other parties, no other has mathematical chance of winning majority. However, LDP control of Assembly and Tokyo governorship will be jeopardized if opposition can collectively outnumber LDP. All parties appear to be girding for unusual effort in Tokyo campaign, with LDP determined recoup loss of prestige from failure take any of Tokyo's four House of Councillors seats, and left eager to bolster claims of increased popular support. Predominantly anti-government press, scenting blood, is cheering opposition on. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Sato Visit to Okinawa

GOJ announced July 3 that PriMin Sato will visit Ryukyus August 19-21 and will be accompanied by Tomisaburo HASHIMOTO, Chief Cabinet Secretary; Ken YASUI, Director General of PriMin's Office; Umekichi NAKAMURA, Education Minister; Zenko SUZUKI, Welfare Minister. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: PriMin's Office made announcement to influence House of Councillors' election. No reference was made to U.S. and Ryukyuan governments since GOJ proposal to Embassy for joint announcement did not allow time necessary for clearances. Sato will be first Japanese PriMin to visit Okinawa since World War II. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. New Zealand PriMin Ends Visit

PriMin and Mrs. Holyoake departed July 7 for New Zealand. In farewell remarks at airport, Holyoake praised Japan's adherence to democratic ideals and its development as "one of the world's most progressive nations." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although Holyoake's visit occurred at a time when popular attention was focused on domestic political matters, it appears to have enhanced New Zealand-Japan relations. Press frontpaged final communique with headlines stressing mutual agreement of views on Vietnam. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY

6. Defense Agency Pushes Recruitment

Japan Defense Agency has taken to press, radio and TV in effort to increase recruiting into Self Defense Forces. JDA announced July 8 that 35 million yen has been allocated for extensive advertising program to help alleviate chronic personnel shortages, particularly in lower ranks of Ground Self Defense Force. While Maritime and Air Self Defense Forces have been able to maintain about 95% of budgeted strength, the GSDF total as of April 1 was 83.1%. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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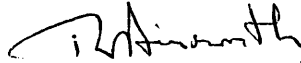
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Comment: Although monthly recruiting quotas were actually exceeded by all services during April, first month of new fiscal year, JDA is apparently making this costly initial effort in mass advertising to achieve and maintain authorized personnel strength, capitalizing on current business depression and job shortage in industry. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Tokyo Assembly Elections (WEEKA 27, Item 3)

With one week of campaign remaining all parties continuing to put full force of national headquarters behind candidates for Tokyo Assembly. According to press LDP SecGen TANAKA and Vice President KAWASHIMA have issued alarmist warnings in LDP Diet members meeting about consequences should LDP fail regain majority, and Kawashima has warned of danger of opposition amending public security ordinances to facilitate demonstrations around the Diet should they obtain power.

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Opposition parties and independents continue hammering at LDP corruption with little attention paid to concrete issues. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Though entirely possible that LDP could lose Assembly majority, this does not automatically mean creation of left-centered majority. Post-election party affiliation of successful independent candidates could restore LDP majority. Further, regarding public security matters, Komeito, which may well hold balance in new Assembly, has long been opposed to leftist violence and might be expected to cooperate with LDP on matters of substance, while at same time fulfilling role of "watchdog" against corruption. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Komeito SecGen HOJO Holds Press Conference for Foreign Newsmen

At July 12, Foreign Correspondents' Club press conference Komeito SecGen Hiroshi HOJO undertook explain party policies to foreign press "to ensure that erroneous impressions of Soka Gakkai and Komeito would not be published overseas as had sometimes happened in past." Re Vietnam, Hojo said that Komeito hoped for peaceful solution through international conference. He said that Komeito supported Japan-ROK normalization as a step forward, but party thought GOJ made too many concessions. Hojo said that Security Treaty should be abolished in future when security of Japan assured through international arrangements. In response to reporters' probing regarding Soka Gakkai and Komeito strength Hojo said that Soka Gakkai now had membership of 5,000,000 households, including bachelors. (Gakkai headquarters bases its figures on sale of object of worship.) He said that Komeito counts 200,000 members, more than any other political party in Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Hojo's comments revealed nothing new in regard to party's policies on major issues, but did reveal leadership embarrassment at failure of popular vote in Upper House national constituency (5,097,172) to match expectations. Hojo's figure of 5,000,000 household contrasts with 5,400,000 which Gakkai source recently reported to Emboff and 5,300,000 reported in post-election newspaper analysis.

Hojo appeared somewhat ill-at-ease and defensive when meeting foreign press and conference may have served more to promote rather than eradicate "misunderstandings" attributed to foreign media. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Visits to Okinawa (WEEKA 27, Item 4)

Ken YASUI, recently appointed Director General of Prime Minister's office, made his initial visit to Okinawa July 16 and 17. Kichizo HOSODA, Deputy DirGen, also recently appointed, began his visit there two days earlier. Visits are prelude to PriMin's going there August 19. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Frequency of visits to Okinawa by PMO officials has increased

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markedly in past year and reflects added attention given to area by GOJ.
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4. Japanese Media Reaction to Economic Conference

During past week, Japanese media have given prominent attention to proceedings of Joint Japan-U.S. Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs. Media paid particular attention to what they called "political coloration" of discussions, "stiff" U.S. positions and "frank and heated" debates. Comment was favorable on "vigor" with which Japanese ministers supported their positions, although minority media view was that Japanese representatives had not adequately prepared for kind of meeting this turned out to be.

After close of conference, press commented that conference had outgrown ceremonial or "festival-type" character of previous meetings and had developed atmosphere nearer to truly "equal partnership." At same time, failure of Japanese to win concessions on Civil Air Agreement and other immediate economic problems was regretted. This reaction was, however, somewhat offset by mild satisfaction that agreement was reached for later negotiation of these issues. General feeling was that with Japan stressing immediate economic matters and U.S. stressing long-term economic cooperation in Southeast Asia, two sides had not had real meeting of minds.

Political split within Japan was seen in contrast between Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO's summarization of meeting as "big step forward in Japan-U.S. relations" and opposition parties' conclusion that meeting had "deepened Japanese subservience" to U. S. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment:

None

MILITARY

5. Defense Attache for Saigon

Foreign Office source reported that Lt Col Hiromoto FUJII, presently G2 of 2d Division, GSDF, will be sent to South Vietnam in early August in the capacity of Defense Attache. He will be first known SDF representative at Japanese Embassy, Saigon. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: While Lt. Col. Fujii's accreditation status is not yet clear, he will be, in effect, the Defense Attache. Source stated that Fujii's

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official title will probably be Assistant Defense Attache to Thailand. Fearing adverse public reaction to a Japanese military representative in Saigon, GOJ may plan to mask Fujii's Vietnam operations under cover of Thailand assignment. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. "Trial" Military Attache from Pakistan

It has been reported that Pakistan Army Lt. Col. HASSAN left Tokyo in late June 65 after spending approximately two months in Japan observing military units and visiting staff offices of JDA. Col. Hassan not accredited as official attache but apparently GOJ permitted him to visit JDA organizations on "trial" basis pending decision by Pakistan Government on assigning military attache to Tokyo. In early May Col. Hassan permitted visit JDA Technical Research Centers, which conduct research mainly on armament, ammunition, missiles, ships, fuel, aircraft and vehicles. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Pakistan may have been able to obtain trained observer's hurried evaluation of JSDF without usual expense of full time military attache. GOJ may have cooperated in this unusual procedure because of desire to appear neutral in India-Pakistan dispute. (India represented by a permanent military attache.) (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. JMSDF/Argentine Navy Plan Joint Exercise

Maritime Staff Office advised Naval Attache July 14 plans underway for joint JMSDF/Argentine Navy anti-submarine exercise off east coast South America in course of JMSDF training cruise. Three Argentine destroyers and one submarine will join JMSDF Training Squadron of four destroyers for twelve-hour exercise August 29 enroute from Buenos Aires to Santos, Brazil. All communications will be in English. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: This is first non-US joint exercise for JMSDF and is expected to have "goodwill" rather than tactical value. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. JDA Director General Decides Against Increase in GSDF Personnel
(WEEK 27, Item 6)

JDA DirGen Raizo MATSUNO has reportedly abandoned Agency plan to increase authorized GSDF strength from 171,500 to 180,000 before end of 2d Defense Buildup Plan (JFY 62-66). As result of Matsuno's decision recruitment activities will probably be toned-down and sizeable amount of 35 million yen budgeted for intensive recruiting drive could be diverted to modernization of equipment and improvement of facilities and personnel services. Conference of JDA leaders is reportedly scheduled for end of July to make final decision on Matsuno's plan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Prevailing shortage of manpower which has kept GSDF from achieving more than 86% of its currently authorized strength evidently

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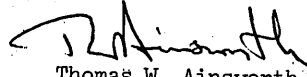
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influenced Matsuno against requesting further increases in strength. His decision will be major revision of 2d Defense Build-up Plan. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL

1. Diet Special Session Convenes

In accordance with legal requirements Diet be convened within 30 days following election, the 49th Special Session was convened July 22 for three week session. Formal opening by Emperor and PriMin policy speech scheduled for next week. Major item on agenda will be supplementary budget providing for increased Japanese contributions to IMF and World Bank.

Session opened in atmosphere of bickering, as JSP successfully held out for longer duration than two weeks which LDP desired, LDP Upper House members aired factional differences over whether to

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to re-elect Upper House President SHIGEMUNE, and JSP revived perennial demands for proportional distribution of Upper House committee chairmanships among parties and appointment of JSP vice-speaker. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Despite fact that ratification of Japan-ROK normalization treaties will not be taken up at this session, leftist opposition may be expected to pursue question during committee hearings and floor debate, and ~~to~~ probably attack Government for its handling of economic situation and its support of U.S. policies in South Vietnam.

LDP management of sessions and PriMin's handling of interpellations likely set stage for more important September session when Japan-ROK treaties come up. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. MIKI Pushes Active Japan Role in Vietnam Settlement

Minister of International Trade and Industry Takeo MIKI, since his return from Japan-US EconCom and visits to Moscow and Paris, has been widely quoted in press as favoring more active GOJ role in seeking peaceful solution to Vietnam problem. Miki reportedly advocating Japanese initiatives to bring about cease-fire and international conference. Press reports that Miki on July 22 made official report to PriMin re Japan's role and that PriMin agreed that Japan might take initiative in opening way for international conference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ and LDP generally have realistic assessment of difficulties, but appearance of trying to assume positive role is probably regarded as imperative for domestic political reasons. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Sohyo, JSP and JCP Schedule Coordinated Demonstrations

Sohyo, in attempt to repeat JCP-JSP-Sohyo separate but coordinated demonstrations of June 9, has asked JCP to participate in nationwide rallies on July 27, protesting Vietnam and ROK-Japan normalization (Embtel 238). JCP accepted invitation.

This is first time since 1960 that Sohyo-JSP side has taken initiative in coordinating action with JCP. Sohyo approach reportedly based on Sohyo commitment at Hanoi WFTU Conference to support WFTU international "peace" activities originally scheduled for July 20 (A-14), but postponed in Japan until July 27 because of Tokyo Assembly elections July 23. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: June 9 demonstrations, largest since 1960, were nominally led by intellectuals. Sohyo's current initiative based on success of June 9 formula of separate but coordinated demonstrations and on belief of some top leaders that this formula may pave way to "united actions" with entire organized left acting in unison as in 1960. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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from TOKYO4. Tokyo Assembly Election (WEEKA 28, Item 1)

Balloting held July 23 for 120-man Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly. Media predicted turnout of more than 70 per cent of Tokyo's 6,800,000 eligible voters to set new record.

Major interest in election is centered on question whether LDP can maintain majority in Assembly with most commentators reluctant to predict either way. All major parties predicting victory with JSP SecGen NARITA declaring that JSP victory will pave way for election of "progressive" governor. Vote-counting to get underway July 24 AM with results known by mid-afternoon. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

5. Chicom Delegates to Anti N-Bomb Rally Arrive

Communist China's 23-man delegation to 11th World Ban-the Bomb Conference, sponsored by JCP-dominated Gensuikyo, arrived Tokyo July 22. Chicom delegation headed by LIU Ning-i and NAN Han-chen was met at airport by (according to Akahata) 500 well-wishers including such luminaries of the left as JSP SecGen NARITA, JSP Dietmen Haruo OKADA and Koichi YAMAMOTO, Sohyo Vice-Chairman Tomitaro KANEDA, other left wing Sohyo leaders, and other JCP and Gensuikyo officials. LDP Lower House member Tokuma UTSUNOMIYA was also in welcoming group, as was (according to Asahi) SATO-faction LDP Representative Chuji KUNO.

Comment: JSP SecGen Narita's presence unusual in light JSP sponsorship of rival organization Gensuikin and may indicate either cooling-down of JSP support for latter organization as result of Sasaki's chairmanship or hope of softening Chicom hostility to Gensuikin. LDP maverick Utsunomiya's presence may be attributed to his recent trip through China and certain sense of obligation in addition to his public advocacy of closer relations with Communist China. Press speculated that Chicom visitors might well take up Japan-Chicom trade with appropriate local circles in addition to their primary mission; appearance of Kuno, who earlier reported to be Sato's pipeline to Peiping, strengthened this speculation. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Uganda Prime Minister's Visit

Prime Minister OBOTE, accompanied by Foreign, Commerce-Industry Ministers and 22 other officials, paid state visit to Japan July 18-20 after Commonwealth Conference. The Uganda party visited Yugoslavia and Communist China before coming to Tokyo and planned Moscow as next stop. Joint communique reaffirmed cooperation, especially in trade and economic development, as well as support for UN and Afro-Asian friendship. Communique also stated that Uganda would give "most favorable consideration" to

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Japan's candidacy for UNSC seat (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: NoneMILITARY7. JDA Drafting Third Defense Buildup Program

JDA and SDF officials attempting complete plans for Third Defense Buildup Program during the next month. Major themes are greater domestic production of defense hardware and increase in defense budget to two percent of GNP. JDA DirGen MATSUNO has also stated that he hopes to start Third Program at beginning of next fiscal year (April 1, 1966). This will provide one year overlap with Second Defense Buildup (1962-67) and avoid gap between the two programs. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Program as announced provides no surprises. Uniformed personnel doubt that budget will ever reach two percent of GNP (now about 1.36 percent) without substantial changes in GOJ list of expenditure priorities. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Accidents Plague MSDF Training Exercises

On July 17, P2V-7, engaged in flare-dropping exercise, caught fire and crashed at sea with loss of all eleven crewmen. Submarine NATSUSHIO, undergoing training at U.S. facilities in Hawaii, struck commercial barge on July 16 (Japan time) while submerged, and sustained slight damage but no personnel casualties. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: P2V-7 accident worst for MSDF since 1962. NATSUSHIO operational readiness impaired as damage prevents snorkling. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. LDP Toppled in Tokyo Assembly Election

In July 23 Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly election conservatives failed obtain majority for first time in Assembly history. New Assembly lineup gives JSP 45 seats, gain of 13 over 1963 election. LDP wound up with 38 seats, down 31 from 1963. Komeito, again electing all candidates, added six seats for total of 23. DSP, which failed elect any candidates in 1963 won four seats. JCP made largest percentage gain, increasing its seats from 2 to 9.

In terms of popular vote percentages, LDP led with 30.2% (1963, 48.2%); JSP, 28% (27.8%); Komeito, 15.3% (10.5%); JCP, 10.1% (4.5%); DSP, 6.2% (5.2%); and minor parties and independents, 11.6% (3.8%).

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Low voter turnout of 58.6%, in contrast to pre-election media predictions of near 70%, attributable in part to weather, but probably due more to fact large number of potential conservative voters stayed home because of dissatisfaction with local LDP politics and lack of acceptable alternatives.

In addition to large decline in LDP popular vote, party lost out because of failure to limit number candidates in order maximize effectiveness of vote. This factor in one district resulted in defeat of all LDP candidates although LDP received largest popular vote there. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Size of LDP loss, and fact JSP moved into top spot, surprised virtually all observers, and reportedly Socialists themselves. Komeito now holds balance in Assembly and can be expected to use newly-acquired power to maximum advantage, avoiding firm general commitment either to conservatives or left. Much-threatened non-confidence motion by opposition against Governor AZUMA can at present be blocked by LDP, which will undoubtedly attempt keep Azuma in power at least until more favorable time for gubernatorial election.

Scale of LDP defeat indicates urgent need for LDP to modernize and strengthen organization, especially in urban areas. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Gensuikyo Convention Opens in Tokyo

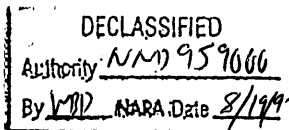
Expected attacks on "American imperialism" and U.S. Vietnam policy featured speeches and messages at 11th World Convention which held July 27-30 in Tokyo under sponsorship Communist-line Japan Council Against A-H Bombs (Gensuikyo). Meeting attended by 250 Japanese and 153 foreign delegates, latter representing 41 countries, including Communist China, Indonesia, U.S., France, and Australia. Soviet representatives did not show up. Sukarno, Chou En-lai, Sihanouk, Ho Chi Minh, NFLSV chief Nguyen Huu Tho sent opening day messages. Gathering rejected message from Soviet-line World Peace Committee. Keynote of meeting sounded by Gensuikyo Director Masaharu HATANAKA who denounced "U.S. imperialism" as enemy of peace and called for world-wide drive to force American military forces from Vietnam. Partisan character of meeting and position on Chicom A-bombs drew adverse comment from vernacular press. Gensuikyo Tokyo meeting to be followed by rallies in Hiroshima August 5 and Nagasaki August 8. (UNCLASSIFIED)
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Comment: In contrast to Gensuikyo conference, which saw major Sino-Soviet confrontation, this meeting relatively colorless affair. Although two Soviet trade union representatives arrived in Tokyo July 28 to attend Sohyo convention, they have not yet indicated whether they will accept invitation to attend JSP/Sohyo-sponsored anti-nuclear rallies or world conference scheduled for first two weeks in August. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Diet Special Session

49th Special Session of Diet spent first week of three-week session

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in JSP-LDP haggling over Upper House organization details, particularly JSP demand for Vice-Speaker post and allotment of committee chairmanships on favorable formula. Parties finally reached agreement in time permit formal opening July 30.

Comment: None

4. Current Diet Strengths

As result of Kumamoto by-election July 18, LDP picked up one seat in Upper House, but resignation from party of two members involved in election irregularities brought LDP strength in House of Councillors down to 139 seats. Kumamoto election, filling vacancy caused by death of LDP Councillor Tatsunori KITAGUCHI May 31, was won by Kiyomitsu SONODA, who defeated his JSP opponent by wide margin of 145,000 votes. LDP Councillors Akira KOBAYASHI and Bunshiro OKAMURA offered their resignations from party July 28 after arrest of number of their supporters on charges of election law violations in recent campaign. LDP, shaken by impact of corruption issue in Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly elections, promptly accepted resignations. Strengths of respective parties in Upper House now are: LDP, 139; JSP, 73; Komeito, 20; DSP, 7; JCP, 4; Niin Club, 4; and independents, 3.

Death of LDP veteran Saburo SHIIKUMA of Hokkaido this week also changed party strengths in Lower House. Current party strengths are: LDP, 285; JSP, 145; DSP, 23; JCP, 4; independents, 2; vacancies, 4. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Resignations of Kobayashi and Okamura probably represent only paper loss to LDP, since both likely as independents to vote with party. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Foreign Minister Shiina Returns

FonMin SHIINA returned to Japan July 26 after attending Joint U.S.-Japan EconCom meetings in Washington and meeting with leaders in France and Italy. Shiina reported on his trip to PriMin SATO July 27. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: According FonOff, Shiina's talks with French and Italian leaders yielded no results of import, but did afford Shiina opportunity hear firsthand French and Italian views, particularly on Vietnam, UN, China, and EEC stalemate. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. More Graves Visits

Group of thirty persons left Wakkanai July 27 to conduct services for relatives buried in Soviet-occupied Sakhalin. Group was accompanied by seventeen press men and GOJ officials. Other Japanese groups recently visited graves of prisoners-of-war in Alma Alta and Irkutsk. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Although Japanese have been allowed to visit in Siberia previously, this was first visit permitted to Sakhalin or Alma Alta area. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY7. JASDF Chief of Staff Checks out F-4 in Okinawa

General Shigeru URA, Chief of Staff, Japan Air Self Defense Force returned to Japan 23 July after 3-day trip to Okinawa at USFJ invitation for orientation in F-4 aircraft. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: General Ura desired and USAF concurred in Ura being given orientation ride in F-4 but Director General of Japan Defense Agency considered it politically inadvisable for Ura to do so in Japan. Accompanying staff officers said Ura was very pleased with arrangements and with performance of aircraft. It is, however, unlikely that F-4 will be part of JASDF aircraft inventory during Third Defense Buildup. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL1. Diet Special Session

In both plenary sessions and budget committee hearings, attention current special Diet focused on Vietnam crisis with opposition/GOJ on alleged danger of involvement of Japan through use of U.S. bases to support effort in South Vietnam. Opposition also sought GOJ clarification of its policies for coping with current economic slowdown, saying that Government as yet had taken no positive measures.

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Press reaction to JSP Chairman SASAKI -- PriMin SATO confrontation on first day general interpellations August 2 gave good marks to both, with expressions of satisfaction with Sato's serious treatment of opposition questions in contrast to normal Sato high-posture. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Special session, slated to end August 11, not expected do more than pass supplementary budget and now appears likely complete this task on schedule. PriMin has thus far been able to avoid opposition attempts to use TAKESHIMA issue to set off premature debate on Japan-Korea treaty, which scheduled for another special session beginning in September. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Sohyo Convention -- Focus on Vietnam

Vietnam issue dominated five-day Sohyo Convention which ended August 4. As expected, convention approved action policy calling for : (1) 40 million signature campaign protesting Vietnam war; (2) authority for Sohyo leaders to call strike if Hanoi bombed; and (3) dispatch of delegations to American and other foreign labor unions to stress Japanese labor protest of Vietnam war. Anti-mainstream amendment, proposing Sohyo policy change to allow support of political parties other than JSP (i.e. JCP), defeated by mainstream which pushed through plan for greater support of JSP.

Sino-Soviet split reflected as Chicom delegate walked out when Soviet delegate rose to address convention. In subsequent address, Chicom delegate called on Sohyo to revise action policy statement which condemns all nuclear testing and advocates banning of nuclear weapons. Such criticism of Sohyo action policy by foreign delegate is unprecedented. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Action policy is general guide for Sohyo leadership; exact method of implementation will depend on future circumstances. Sharp criticism of JCP during debate on question of Sohyo support for JSP indicates continued strong reservations in Sohyo about cooperation with JCP which will militate against revival of Anti-Security Treaty "council of cooperation in peace movement" beyond June 9 formula (WEEKA 23, Item 1). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Monopoly Corporation Head to Resign

JSP-led clamor in Diet over election law violations in recent Upper House election campaign involving officials of Japan Monopoly Corporation led August 4 to decision by Corporation president Yasuji SAKATA to accept personal responsibility for actions of subordinates and to submit resignation to GOJ. Arrests of large numbers of Monopoly Corporation officials on charges of bribery and improper use of official positions on behalf of candidacy of former Monopoly Corporation officer Akira KOBAYASHI had already led to resignation of Kobayashi from party (WEEKA 30, Item 4). Although GOJ refused accept resignation immediately because investigation of election

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irregularities still under way, Sakata's resignation appears merely matter of time. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP having tasted blood shows no sign of letting up on pressure against LDP on corruption issue. As investigation of election irregularities continues, opposition parties can be expected to step up campaign to force resignation of Kobayashi and one other LDP legislator involved in election law violations from Diet. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Chicom Trade and China Relations

Issues surrounding trade with mainland China, and controversial statements by visiting Chicom trade official NAN Han-chen, brought question of Sato Government China policy back into spotlight. FonMin SHIINA in July 30 Diet policy speech reiterated usual GOJ line of endorsing expanded mainland trade in principle, but MITI Minister and LDP faction leader Takeo MIKI August 2 went several steps further by calling openly into question continued effect of "YOSHIDA letter" (personal message from former PriMin to President Chiang Kai-shek which assured GRC that Japan would move cautiously and slowly on Chicom trade). Miki, probably at instigation of MITI bureaucrats led by Vice-Minister SAHASHI, known as Chicom-trade enthusiast, told House of Representatives Commerce and Industry Committee he did not believe "private" Yoshida letter was binding on GOJ. After intensive consultation among LDP leaders, PriMin Sato August 3 told Upper House that Yoshida letter "not legally binding" on GOJ but that this constituted no change from previous policy.

Also on August 3 Chicom trade official Nan Han-chen, visiting Japan for Gensuikyo Anti-A-H Bomb conference, told Japanese gathering interested in mainland trade that GOJ policy of "subservience to U.S. imperialism" and hostility to Chicoms, and obstacles which GOJ had placed in way of Japan-Chicom trade, prevented trade expansion. He threatened that trade relations would get worse if Japan aided U.S. "aggression in Vietnam."

GOJ FonOff reacted with more than usual speed and vigor. August 5 Vice FonMin SHIMODA called Nan statements flagrant interference in Japan's domestic affairs, and Justice Ministry according press warned Gensuikyo that statements were "improper and regrettable." Shimoda said there were no plans to oust Nan before end of permitted stay, but indicated he likely have difficulty if he sought extension or future visit. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Long-standing division of views within GOJ officialdom and LDP circles over "sacred cow" of mainland China trade centers on whether promotion of such trade should receive merely lip service or active efforts (which in effect require political concessions to Chicoms). Direct opposition to trade expansion is viewed as political suicide. Yoshida letter assured GRC that Japanese Ex-Im Bank credits would not be used to finance

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exports to Chicoms, at least during 1964. Chicom insistence on such financing was rock on which export contracts for second vinylon plant and Hitachi freighter foundered (WEEKA 14, Item 5; WEEKA 18, Item 5). Chicoms made it obvious that their objective was political, since they rejected equivalent financing from other sources, with curious logic that GOJ was imposing political conditions contrary to its avowed policy of "separating politics and economics." Chicom-trade advocates in Japan consequently have focussed on changing GOJ policy on this point. Sato view that Yoshida letter "not legally binding" (which FonOff expanded to say that policy on Ex-Im Bank financing merely "coincided" with Yoshida letter) amounts to attempt to undercut Chicom arguments while avoiding concrete concession to them which likely to enrage GRC. Fact GRC Foreign Minister SHEN Chang-huan will visit Tokyo next week increases current sensitivity of GOJ, particularly FonOff.

NAN Han-chen's immoderate statements appear to have played into hands of those in GOJ who are attempting hold line at least against political concessions to Peiping in connection with trade. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Anti-Nuclear Rallies Held in Hiroshima (WEEKA 30, Item 2)

Communist-line Gensuikyo and JSP-Sohyo-backed Gensuikin held competing ban-the-bomb rallies August 5 in Hiroshima on eve of annual A-bomb day. According press, Gensuikyo officials claimed attendance of 10,000 at their rally, while Gensuikin reported attendance of 7,000. Third anti-nuclear group, Kakkin Kaigi (affiliated with DSP and Domei labor federation), protested presence of Chicom delegation at Gensuikyo rally on grounds nuclear policy of Communist China inconsistent with aims of anti-nuclear movement. Gensuikyo completes year's activities with rally at Nagasaki next week. Gensuikin and Kakkin Kaigi will follow observance Nagasaki A-bomb day with major conferences in Tokyo during week ending August 14. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Press is generally critical of divided anti-nuclear movement, which has increasingly become instrument for ideological propaganda of rival political groups. Clear domination of Gensuikyo proceedings by Chicom line this year drew particularly sharp editorial comment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Esperanto Congress Meets in Tokyo

1500 delegates from 40 countries attended 50th Universal Esperanto Congress in Tokyo from July 31 to August 7. This was first Congress in Asia. American delegation numbered about 50. Early in meeting a "subcommittee," calling itself "Esperanto Movement for World Peace," overwhelmingly adopted resolution condemning U.S. policy in Vietnam, Cuba, Dominican Republic, etc. U.S. representatives cast only dissenting votes. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: At Embassy briefing American delegates showed us samples of high quality Chicom propaganda in Esperanto which they said were being

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widely distributed at meeting sites. It is not clear whether "peace" subcommittee is genuine organ of Congress or whether plenary session of Congress will adopt anti-US resolution, but leftist delegates at minimum are making concerted effort to utilize Esperantist's "peace through universal understanding" theme to disadvantage of U.S. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. New Vietnamese Ambassador

Nguyen Duy Quang arrived August 4 to assume post of VN Ambassador.

Comment: GVN has been represented by Charge' for about one year. Appointment of Quang may fill long-standing need for more effective representation of GVN interests in Japan, particularly presentation to Japanese of GVN case on Vietnam hostilities. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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8. GSDF Summer Youth Camps Popular

GSDF has announced that 50,000 young men and boys have already made application to stay at its five summer recreation camps throughout Japan. Last year, 41,000 stayed at these "Summer Camping Cooperatives," set up and manned by GSDF personnel and offering use of GSDF facilities at ¥170 (less than 50¢) per day, including meals. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Summer camps were started in 1962 as part of GSDF's public relations campaign and have proved popular with young men and boys throughout Japan. In addition to improving SDF "image," camps serve as excellent vehicle for encouraging enlistment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. Diet Special Session Ends

a. 49th extraordinary session of Diet ended 21-day meeting on schedule August 11 following eleventh-hour passage of supplementary budget bill. Important budget bill, providing funds for increased Japanese investments in World Bank and International Monetary Fund, was assured of passage because of LDP majority, but JSP refused permit convening of plenary session until 10:53 PM. JSP demanded LDP agree to Diet resolutions calling for (1) peaceful settlement of Vietnam war and (2) resignation of newly-elected

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Upper House member Akira KOBAYASHI, who is currently embroiled in vote-buying and bribery scandal (WEEKA 30, Item 4; WEEKA 31, Item 3). LDP rejected Vietnam resolution as "premature" but satisfied JSP on second resolution by agreeing to consider matter at next Diet session.

according press, has

b. GOJ/decided next Diet session, which will deal with ratification Japan-Korea normalization treaty and agreements, will not be convened until October. Date not yet officially announced. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: None.

2. Gensuikin Holds Tokyo Conference

a. JSP/Sohyo-sponsored Congress against A-H Bombs (Gensuikin) opened three-day Tokyo meeting August 11 at JSP headquarters. World conference attracted attendance of 3,000 persons (according police figures), including 34 foreign delegates representing 10 countries and one international organization. Soviet delegates included two trade union representatives, member of Lenin Peace Prize Committee, Moscow University professor, and vice president Soviet Red Cross. Principal theme of Gensuikin reports and resolutions was denunciation U.S. policy in Vietnam. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Gensuikin conference was pale shadow of Gensuikyo conference meeting sponsored by Communists in Tokyo two weeks ago (WEEKA 30, Item 2). Local press gave conference virtually no coverage. According JSP informant, sponsors are discouraged by poor turnout and lack of support within JSP. Conference originally scheduled to conclude August 14 will wind up day earlier. Left-wing of JSP is reportedly boycotting this year's meeting, and Chairman SASAKI has not made appearance at any meeting. Reason given is that pro-ChiCom left-wing does not want to antagonize Peking. Informant believes Gensuikin will not attempt hold world conference next year. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. GRC FonMin Visit

a. Official eight-day visit of GRC FonMin SHEN Chang-huang began August 12 and went into high gear following day with calls on Speaker of Lower House, President of Upper House and on FonMin SHIINA. Remainder of day taken up with luncheon meeting with PriMin SATO, discussions with Shiina and reception hosted by Shen. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Heralded as mission to deepen mutual understanding between Japan and China, Shen's arrival and first day in Japan received favorable public attention. GOJ regards visit as important to relations with Taiwan but is tending to play it in low key so as not to harm prospects of trade with ChiComs. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYO4. Japanese Visit Graves in Trust Territory

a. Group of twenty Japanese, led by Diet member and Buddhist priest, returned to Japan August 7 after one-week visit to Japanese graves in Guam, Saipan and Truk. Smaller group visited Palau for same purpose. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None.

MILITARY5. JDA Seeking Update Defense Laws

a. Local press reported that JDA councillors met August 11 to consider changes necessary in defense laws to facilitate JSDF operations in an emergency. Action, according press, was prompted by "defects" in existing laws which came to light during Diet debate on MITSUYA Study. Matters studied included emergency procurement of commodities and services, allowances for mobilized troops, and land acquisition. On same day, when questioned by JSP members of Diet Budget Committee as to JDA intentions on matter, JDA Dir Gen MATSUNO at first denied JDA actively considering change, later admitted matter under consideration but JDP not planning introduction of such legislation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Matsuno, who headed Diet Mitsuya Study Group, well aware of defects in defense laws and probably exploring all means to rectify situation. Speed with which news broke and JSP Diet members' easy access to JDA information illustrates sieve-like quality of JDA security at upper echelon. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Defense Agency Build-up Plan Outlined

a. JDA DirGen Matsuno at meeting of Lower House Cabinet Committee August 6 outlined Defense Agency's third build-up plan scheduled to commence with JFY 1967. According to press report, basic concept of plan is "to keep defense forces abreast of modernization of weapons in order to give nation sense of security." Specifically mentioned were: (1) expansion of missile and submarine forces, (2) replacement of military air transport fleet and (3) increase in number of reservists. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Press report contains no surprises and will probably prove to be accurate. As expected, plan provides for only modest improvements in

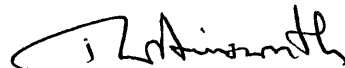
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defense forces and once again reflects GOJ's reluctance to provide ammunition for opposition to make charges of revival of militarism. Matsuno evidently envisions reserve force similar to that of U.S. At present GSDF is only service with any form of reserve system. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL1. Prime Minister Begins Okinawa Visit

a. Prime Minister Eisaku SATO, accompanied by four Cabinet members, LDP SecGen, and seven Diet members, left Tokyo August 19 for three day visit to Ryukyus as guest of HICOM. Sato, first PriMin to visit Ryukyus since World War II, stated that purpose of trip was to see the "realities" of situation. Trip schedule, closely coordinated between Embassy, GOJ and USCAR, includes talks with HICOM and local political leaders, tour of bases, and visits to northern

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Okinawa and southern islands of Miyako and Ishigaki. Tokyo press, while saying editorially that Sato should use opportunity to demand greater Ryukyuan autonomy and reversion timetable, has cautioned that not much can realistically be expected from visit. Press correctly guessed that Sato will take gifts to islanders -- aid to Ryukyuan education, assistance for social welfare and public health, and funds for long-term, low-interest industrial development. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: All indications point to trip's success from U.S. as well as Japanese point of view. Trip will serve to symbolize close affinity between Japan and Okinawa and should enhance PriMin's and the LDP's image in Japan proper. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. JSP Convenes Special Convention

a. With approximately 450 delegates attending, Japan Socialist Party held its 26th extraordinary convention August 16. One-day convention was called to approve action policy for Party's campaign against ratification ROK-Japan Treaty and to adopt program to bolster party organization and expand party membership. Chairman SASAKI in opening speech called for strengthening party to prepare for establishment Socialist government and all-out effort to promote "revolutionary struggle" on national scale through exploitation Korean Treaty, Vietnam war, and economic crisis issues.

b. As anticipated, intraparty opposition attempted to launch attack on Sasaki leadership in floor debate on tactics and policy, but proved unable to deliver effective criticism. Party leadership reaffirmed intention to place more emphasis on extra-parliamentary action and to strengthen cooperation with JCP in form of coordinated one-day demonstrations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Convention proved unusually dull affair as attack by anti-Sasaki forces failed to strike sparks. Proceedings completely dominated by Sasaki forces, who are now apparently in unchallenged control of party. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Tokyo Assembly Meets in 2-Day Special Session

a. At August 17 and 18 Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly special session, first order of business was election of new officers. Speakership went to JSP. Vice-speakership, which customarily goes to second largest party, was refused by LDP and went to Komeito instead.

b. In first day interpellations, Governor Azuma, responding to JSP and JCP demands for resignation, refused accept responsibility for Assembly crisis. Azuma denied LDP debacle in July 23 election reflected lack of

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confidence in him, and asserted that, as he had been elected by all citizens of Tokyo, he would serve out his term. Only clash came when JSP Speaker called halt to long-winded speech by Komeito assemblyman.

c. August 18 session featured by adoption of resolutions opposing Japan-Korea settlement and calling for peaceful settlement of Vietnam conflict. Vietnam resolution supported by JSP, JCP, DSP, and Komeito, but DSP joined LDP in opposing resolution re Korea settlement. Crucial problems of water rate hike and repeal of public security ordinance postponed until regular assembly meeting in September. (UNCLASSIFIED)

d. Comment: Adoption by Assembly of resolutions on foreign policy issues fairly common practice of Japanese local legislative bodies and came as no surprise in view of LDP minority position. Crucial test of JSP as number one party in Assembly will come in next regular session when party will be called upon to produce concrete measures for city administration. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. NPA Recommends Government Employees Wage Increase
recommended

a. National Personnel Authority (NPA) August 13/average wage increase for Government employees of 6.4% (¥2,360 or \$6.56) retroactive to May 1 of this year. Recommendation, submitted to Cabinet and Diet, was based on annual survey of year ending March 31, 1965, which showed 7.7% increase in cost of living and gap of 7.2% between wages of Government and private industry. Reflecting GOJ difficulty in competing with private industry for young workers, largest increases were in starting salaries and in wages for lower echelon employees. NPA repeated unprecedented 1964 recommendation that GOJ expand and improve housing program for its employees.

b. Recommendation also applies to Diet and judiciary employees and to defense personnel. Recommended wage increases will cost estimated U.S. \$88,000,000. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: NPA recommendation undoubtedly reflects GOJ thinking on wages and budget for its employees. Recommendation, which surprised no one and evoked no serious criticism, can be expected to be adopted, but effective date will probably be delayed. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Deaths Reduce LDP Diet Strength

a. LDP strength in Lower House of Diet was reduced from 285 to 283 seats by deaths of former Justice Minister Hitoshi TAKAHASHI, 62, on August 10 and of former Prime Minister Hayato IKEDA, 65, on August 13. LDP strength in Upper House also reduced with death of newly-elected member from Nagasaki prefecture Naozo TAURA, 66, on August 17. Since vacancy occurred within three months of election date, vacated seat given to

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runner-up JSP candidate Tatsuhiko TATSUTA, 38, in accordance with provisions of Public Offices Election Law. As result of above change, LDP now has 138 seats to JSP's 74 in Upper House. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None

6. Chinese Foreign Minister Visit Ends (Week 32, Item 3)

a. Chinese Foreign Minister SHEN Chang-huan departed Japan August 19 after eight-day visit which included talks with PriMin, FonMin, other top GOJ officials, and businessmen in both Tokyo and Osaka. Although Shen warned in various speeches of dangers of Chicoms aggression and of trade with Chicoms, final joint communique lacked any specific references to these matters and contained usual generalities re Japan-GRC friendship. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Although visit was adequately covered in press, it was overshadowed by PriMin Sato's Okinawa visit, ratification in Seoul of ROK-Japan Normalization Treaty, and other more spectacular events. Most emphasis was given to discussions Japan's position vis-a-vis trade with Chicoms. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. FUNADA Visits USSR

a. Lower House Speaker Naka FUNADA left Tokyo August 16 for seven-day visit to Soviet Union at invitation Supreme Soviet. In Moscow, Funada is scheduled to meet with Soviet Premier A. KOSYGIN, Soviet Communist Party Chief L. BREZHNEV, Chairman Supreme Soviet Presidium A. MIKOYAN, Chairman Soviet Council of the Union I. SPIRIDONOV, and Chairman Soviet Council of Nationalities J. PEIVE. Funada returns to Tokyo August 28 after spending two days in Paris en route. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Funada's visit is regarded as purely ceremonial and as reciprocating visit to Japan of Supreme Soviet President. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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8. TV "Teach-in" on Vietnam Sparks Controversy

a. Experimental effort of Tokyo TV station Channel 12 to telecast all-night "teach-in" on Vietnam and peace problems August 14-15, ended in controversy when station management took live broadcast off air in mid-course because of "remarks lacking in fairness." Telecast throughout Tokyo area between 10:30 p.m. and 4:08 a.m. and watched by estimated audience of about 200,000, program was sponsored by "Action Committee for August 15 Commemorative Meetings" and Channel 12's own labor union and was brainchild

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of leftwing intellectuals Shunsuke TSURUMI and Makoto ODA.

b. Dramatic highpoint in largely anti-U.S. debate on Vietnam came when MC TSURUMI pulled surprise introduction of bearded American teach-in professional, Carl Oglesby, member of "Students for Democratic Society." Speaking from floor, Oglesby began drawn-out diatribe against U.S. Vietnam policy. Discussion-panelist and LDP Dietman Yasuhiro NAKASONE challenged MC Tsurumi sharply on propriety of recognizing speaker from floor and permitting American to speak at meeting designed to air Japanese views on Vietnam. After several minutes of confusion and shouting, Tsurumi admitted procedure was irregular, and Oglesby was silenced.

c. Thereafter, debate on Vietnam proceeded routinely until 3:00 a.m., when MC called halt and most of discussion panel departed. Discussion then shifted to subject of postwar Japan and its policies. At about 4:00 a.m., leading question by MC on "war criminal prime minister" (Kishi) apparently was last straw for station management which decided to take increasingly leftist-dominated live broadcast off air. (UNCLASSIFIED)

d. Comment: From outset, entire debate was obviously weighted in favor of leftist viewpoint. However, continuing media discussion about affair is not over its political coloration, but over propriety of management's decision to take program off air one hour ahead of scheduled time.

e. Fact that Channel 12 is on verge of folding as independent commercial TV station may have weakened generally pro-U.S. management's control over whole project. While station was reportedly pleasantly surprised at size of listening audience, management is also reported to be negative on repeating such program. Primary reason is difficulty in keeping political partisans from seeking to take advantage of open-debate format and controlling proceedings. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL

1. PriMin's Visit to Okinawa

a. PriMin SATO and large party of Cabinet Ministers and other officials returned August 21 from action-packed 3-day visit to Okinawa. PriMin went immediately to mountain resort of Karuizawa for week-long holiday. Cabinet, with Sato absent, August 27 approved formation of Special Cabinet Council on Okinawa, to hold first meeting September 1. Council includes Ministers of Justice,

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Foreign Affairs, Finance, Education, Welfare, Agriculture and Local Autonomy; Director General of Prime Minister's Office; Chief Cabinet Secretary, plus LDP Secretary General and Chairmen of LDP Policy and Executive Committees. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Visit brought top leadership of GOJ into first hand contact with conditions in Okinawa and with reversionist sentiment, dramatically portrayed by August 19 demonstration which prevented Sato from returning to hotel and resulted in his spending night at U.S. military base. Preliminary indications are that Sato and Cabinet believe they must make greater progress in bringing Okinawa closer to Japan socially, politically and economically, without which leftists in Okinawa and Japan will seek to capitalize increasingly on reversion issue to detriment of conservatives. GOJ appears to realize importance of Okinawa base to security of Japan and Far East, difficulties of separating base rights from administrative control of islands, and impossibility of reversion in near future; and seems to be approaching problem carefully. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Education Minister, Teachers' Union Chairman Meet

a. In move aimed at alleviating one of friction points between GOJ and government workers, Education Minister NAKAMURA August 26 met with Nikkyoso (Japan Teachers' Union) Chairman MIYANOHARA and other officials of union for discussion, which according press was not noteworthy for productivity. Nakamura reportedly asked that union modify or abolish its controversial "Code of Ethics", while union officials presented wage and working-condition demands. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Meeting, first between Education Minister and top Nikkyoso officials in over five years, represented nominal GOJ concession to union demands for central bargaining rights for government employees' unions. Nakamura's reported position, however, appeared to indicate GOJ largely interested in appearance of willingness to talk with unions (as recommended by ILO Dreyer mission) and did not expect make much progress with Nikkyoso on matters of substance. "Code of Ethics" is highly political Nikkyoso platform which in effect seeks commit teachers to promotion of Socialist revolution in their professional duties. Teachers' wages and working conditions are set at local board-of-education level and GOJ has consistently insisted that bargaining on these subjects be at that level. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Chicoms Postpone LDP Diet Members' Visit

a. Japan-Communist China Friendship Association President, LIAO Cheng-chih, cabled LDP Diet member Kenzo MATSUMURA August 23 that ChiComs wish to put off "until a more suitable time" visit to mainland by LDP

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Diet members group which includes former FonMin Zentaro KOSAKA and former MITI Minister Hajime FUKUDA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: "Postponement" widely interpreted in Japan as ChiCom countermove to GOJ restriction of student travel to China (See Item No. 4) and rebuke to GOJ for reaffirming Japan-GRC cooperation during recent visit of GRC FonMin to Japan (WEEKA No. 32, Item 3). Fact that visit was postponed only few days before group's scheduled departure gave added sting to ChiCom slap.

c. "Postponement" also is setback for members of LDP group who, with eye on popular sentiment for increased contact with ChiComs, had hoped visit would improve their political prospects. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. GOJ Denies Passports to Japanese Students to Visit Communist China

a. GOJ August 19 refused passports to 190 leftist Japanese students invited to "First China-Japan Youth Friendship Festival" being held in Peiping and other ChiCom cities from mid-August through mid-September. Previously, 279 students had already received passports to attend festival. Student groups protested refusal with "sit-down" demonstrations at PriMin's official residence and inside FonOff building on August 25. Latter group forcibly removed by Tokyo Police on request of FonOff. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: GOJ, concerned over increasing student travel to Communist China, decided to deny passports in order to limit number of students participating in festival, despite realization that decision will be challenged in courts and probably overruled. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Japan-Korea Normalization

a. Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO announced that extraordinary Diet session to consider Japan-Korea agreements to normalize relations would be convened on October 5 or shortly thereafter. LDP, convening sessions to plan public-relations strategy on issue, declared it would launch supporting campaign through "People's Movement Headquarters" on scale equivalent to general-election campaign. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: GOJ anticipates strong leftist opposition and estimates Diet session of at least 60 days, but continues to be optimistic that agreements will be ratified. Meanwhile, difficulties of ROKG stemming from its ratification of agreements are being watched with interest. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Japanese Embassy in Zambia

a. GOJ decided establish Embassy in Zambia September 1; Japanese Ambassador to Uganda and Kenya will act concurrently. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None

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from TOKYO7. 4th SSN Visit to Sasebo

a. On August 24, the Thresher-type SSN "Permit" arrived in Sasebo harbor for a 5 day visit. Japanese interest focussed on fact that the Subroc missile is planned for this class of submarine. Statements by Ambassador Reischauer that US would meticulously honor its obligations under Security Treaty, and by FonMin SHIINA that entry of SSN armed with nuclear weapons would be matter for prior consultation with Japanese Government and that GOJ would reject any such proposal apparently did much to dampen interest in visit beyond initial press reaction (See Item 8).

b. Left-wing forces have sought to stir up opposition through public statements and demonstrations in Sasebo and elsewhere, but with limited results. Climax anti-SSN demonstration in Sasebo evening of August 26 had about 3500 participants out of 10,000, which JCP and JSP had been working for in coordinated efforts. Similar Tokyo rally sponsored by JSP/Sohyo same evening drew about 3,000 (according police estimate) out of planned 10,000. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: None

PSYCHOLOGICAL8. Press Reaction to SSN Visit

a. Initial press coverage on SSN "Permit" stressed that "Permit" is Thresher-class sub equipped for Subroc firing, and suggested this fact would stir public reaction. Usually fair Tokyo Shimbun expressed "doubt that Subrocs would be offloaded only for period when N-sub is in Japanese port."

b. Tokyo Shimbun column August 24 called GOJ explanations on N-sub "unconvincing" and said that giving top priority to military operations might hurt Japan-U.S. relations.

c. Mainichi editorial August 25, entitled "Insensitive Port Call of U.S. N-Sub," criticized U.S. for ignoring repeated warnings against inciting Japanese public opinion through series of military moves supposedly related to Vietnam war.

d. Asahi editorial same date contained common conjecture that U.S. is seeking to lull popular feelings against N-subs by repeated visits so as to enable eventual introduction of N-weapons into Japan. It asked why N-sub must come at all, since U.S. "knows it might cause trouble," and urged U.S. to recognize that Security Treaty must have basis of mutual understanding and cooperation, not merely legal basis. (UNCLASSIFIED)

e. Comment: None

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a. During speech and press conference at Karatsu, Saga Prefecture, August 21, Director General Matsuno stated (1) Japan could not depend upon U.S. in time of extreme emergency which required U.S. put own defense interests first, and therefore Japan must have spirit to defend itself; (2) it is disgrace for independent nation to have foreign military installations permanently on its territory; (3) Japan-U.S. Security Treaty should be revised in future so U.S. units could be removed and replaced by Japan's own defense force, and (4) Japan "should have defense power like that of West Europe and conclude alliance with U.S. on equal footing as free nation." (UNCLASSIFIED)

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b. Comment: Meeting was characterized by frank exchange of views and assessments by each side on current Southeast Asia situation and on respective national interests regarding developments in SEA and in Far East as whole. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. JSP Maps Plans to Block ROK-Japan Treaty

a. JSP Central Executive Committee met August 31 to discuss tactics and strategy for campaign to block ratification of ROK-Japan Treaty. Public recommendation by Sohyo August 30 that JSP Diet members register opposition by resigning en masse was discussed and tabled on grounds it too early for decision. Major development at meeting was decision to create permanent organization which would unite JSP and JCP efforts "to block Korea treaty, oppose U.S. Vietnam policies, and overcome economic crisis." According CEC decision, new organization would be proposed at central Tokyo rally on October 12, which is day designated for nationwide "united action" against treaty ratification. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Concept of permanent coordinating body uniting JSP and JCP efforts goes beyond general policy adopted at August 16 JSP Special Convention approving coordinated "one-day struggles" on specific issues with Communists (WEEKA 33, Item 2). Decision moves JSP step closer to revival 1960-type JSP-JCP united front. However, action is not surprising in view of known stance of dominant Sasaki faction in favor of cooperation with JCP. CEC decision expected to be strongly attacked by rightwing EDA and WADA factions (which boycotted CEC meeting) and by Sohyo. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. OKAZAKI Leaves for Peiping Trade Talks

a. Kaheita OKAZAKI, Chairman of Sino-Japanese Overall Trade Liaison Council (Liao-Takasaki Office), and 40man delegation left for Peiping September 2 to start two-week discussions September 6 on items to be traded in 1966 under Liao-Takasaki Agreement. Representatives of steel industry will participate for first time. Press speculates two-way trade will reach \$250 million compared with expected \$180 million for 1965. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: See Item 4.

4. LIAO Explains Chicom Attitude on Visits

a. Liao Cheng-chih, President of China-Japan Friendship Association, in conference with Japanese reporters in Peiping August 30, enlarged on reasons for Chicom 'postponement' of visit to Communist China of former FonMin Zentaro KOSAKA and group of prominent LDP members (WEEKA 34, Item 3). Liao claimed postponement of visit not directly connected with GOJ refusal

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of passports to Japanese students invited to visit Communist China. He said Yoshida letter has made clear that politics cannot be separated from economics and while GOJ attitude remains as at present, politics cannot advance. Liao also said "time not ripe" to send Chinese delegation to Japan as guests of Socialist Party in return 1964 JSP goodwill mission to Peiping.

b. Japanese press evaluated Liao's statement as continuation pressure against Sato and as further cooling of Sino-Japanese relations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Considerable attention will be given/upcoming Okazaki meetings (See Item 3) to see how Chicom political pressure will affect trade under Liao-Takasaka agreement. Press reaction to Liao statement relatively light, perhaps because of recognition that Peiping applying pressure on GOJ and because some commentators could not decide whether to resent this or to blame Sato's policies.

d. JSP, which had evidenced some uneasiness about carrying out commitment made last year to host Chicom visit this year, hid obvious relief at development behind expressions of shock and blast at Sato China policy. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Cabinet Council on Okinawa Created

a. Cabinet Council on Okinawa, formed by PriMin Sato following his Okinawa visit August 19-21, held first meeting September 1. Council established GOJ policy of increasing Okinawa aid next Japanese fiscal year (beginning April 1, 1966) for education, public health and welfare. Level of aid anticipated to be slightly over \$15 million (JFY 1965 level was \$7.9 million), although Council did not specify amount. Council also decided GOJ should take up increased aid program at early meeting of U.S.-Japan Consultative Committee. Council will meet again on September 7. (UNCLASSIFIED)

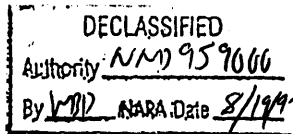
b. Comment: Council constitutes serious effort to broaden ministerial participation in formulating policies concerning Okinawa and to impress public with GOJ's active interest in Okinawa. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. ILO-Dreyer Commission Report Released

a. Abstract of long-awaited report of ILO-Dreyer Commission, which visited Japan this January to investigate Japanese labor situation (WEEKA 2, Item 9), was made public in Tokyo August 31. Report calls on GOJ to develop comprehensive labor policy, and recommends in part that 1) right to strike be given to public enterprise workers in cases where strikes would not hamper essential public services, and 2) that GOJ decide at what level it will

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negotiate working conditions with Japan Teachers Union (NIKKYOSO). Report critical of union political activity unrelated to economic interest of membership and warns unions future improvement of labor relations depends on union cooperation with GOJ on non-political basis.

b. Initial mass media reaction was hopeful that Report would lead to betterment and modernization of labor relations in public sector. Sohyo hailed Report as favoring its campaign to recover strike rights for government workers. GOJ reserved official comment, but private GOJ reaction was cautiously critical. Criticism is reportedly strongest among those LDP elements who oppose GOJ negotiations with Nikkyoso. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

c. Comment: None

MILITARY7. MSDF Holds Annual Maneuvers

a. MSDF completed comprehensive four-day annual Fleet Maneuver on September 2. Objective was to exercise units in convoy protection against air and submarine attack and in defense of Tsugaru Straits. Exercise involved protection of shipping in Japan coastal waters moving to and between Northern Japan ports. Participating forces included: Submarines, minelaying aircraft, F-86 aircraft from JASDF and a Ranger Unit from GSDF as aggressors; destroyers, frigates, minesweepers, four squadrons of ASW aircraft and helicopters, plus JASDF F-104 aircraft as defensive elements. (CONFIDENTIAL)

b. Comment: Exercise was scaled to realistic proportions in attempt to get honest appraisal of maritime defense readiness. Aggressor submarine force was under separate commander to provide coordinated attacks against exercise shipping and to gain maximum utilization of submarine time in relatively short exercise period. New wrinkle in MSDF maneuvers was waterborne covert landing and attack against Tsugaru Strait surveillance stations by GSDF Ranger Unit. Minimal publicity for exercise showed JDA concern for public sensitivity to "warlike" operations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Japan Defense Agency Budget Request

a. Defense Agency August 31 submitted to Finance Ministry JFY 66 budget request amounting to ¥366.4 billion. This indicates increase of approximately 10% over FY '65 budget and constitutes 1.47% of gross national income.

b. Breakdown of request is: GSDF, ¥153.1 billion; MSDF, ¥82.8 billion; ASDF, ¥96.3 billion; and miscellaneous ¥34.1 billion. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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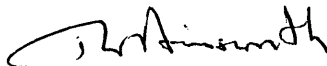
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c. Comment: It is highly unlikely that final amount will come up to JDA's hoped for 10% increase over last year's budget. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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POLITICAL

1. Sato Moves for Dissolution of LDP Factions

a. Prime Minister SATO and LDP Secretary General TANAKA at beginning of week announced decision to "modernize" Liberal Democrat Party through dissolution of factional organizations. Sato's own faction (of which Tanaka is member) voted at September 9 meeting to dissolve its "Thursday Club" organization, reportedly rejecting suggestions from some members that organization be continued in altered form as "policy study group." Sato same evening met leaders of most other factions (MITI Minister Takeo MIKI conspicuously absent; LDP Vice President KAWASHIMA was out of country) to seek their cooperation in move. Although Tanaka told press that all those present gave

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"full support" to Sato's proposal, some reportedly take position that their organizations had already given up factional character and are legitimate policy-study organizations, while others are reserving concrete reply.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Dissolution of LDP factions has been declared objective of every Japanese Prime Minister since KISHI; none has got very far with idea. Leaders of other factions have hitherto viewed such efforts with great suspicion, as self-serving effort on PriMin's part to strengthen his own tenure in post which he achieved through own faction position. Similar attitudes will probably be strengthened in present case by fact LDP right wing is hailing initiative enthusiastically. Nevertheless, Sato-Tanaka move comes at strategic moment. Recent sudden deaths of faction leaders Ichiro KONO and ex-PriMin Hayato IKEDA have thrown into confusion two of largest factions which offer Sato potential competition. Remnants of faction of late Bamboku ONO, another of LDP "old party men" who constituted mainstay of factional system, have recently split into rival groups under leadership of Lower House Speaker Naka FUNADA and Isamu MURAKAMI respectively. LDP financial backers have reportedly been pressing for elimination of duplicating contributions to rival factions. Factional rivalries have come increasingly into disfavor within LDP as contributing cause of LDP's losing seats in elections, including Upper House election last July 4. Moreover, no rival leader appears realistically in position to hope that through factional machinations he can replace Sato as LDP President and Prime Minister before he has run his anticipated "normal" term of three years more. It is too early to predict success for effort, but human mortality, through successive deaths of old political leaders, is accomplishing what political logic has failed to do, and LDP factional system appears certain at least to undergo fundamental changes within next few months.
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2. JSP-JCP "Joint Struggle" Plan Arouses Opposition

a. JSP Central Executive Committee decision August 31 to create JSP-JCP united front organization for "joint struggle" against ROK-Japan Treaty ratification (See WEEKA 35, Item 2) met with opposition last week from Sohyo and from anti-SASAKI factions within party. Sohyo Socialist Party Members Council, which includes almost all significant Sohyo leadership, decided September 4 not to support the CEC decision on the grounds that the JSP had not clarified role in proposed organization and conditions under which Socialist side would participate. Council's decision was subsequently endorsed by Sohyo Executive Board which took position Sohyo would abide by August 4 convention decision (See WEEKA 31, Item 2) to limit cooperation with JCP to June 9 formula, i.e., coordinated but separate "one-day struggles" on ad hoc basis. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Anti-Sasaki faction leader Saburo EDA told press in interview September 6 that he did not interpret CEC decision as going beyond June 9 formula and expressed view that JSP cooperation with JCP would alienate

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public support. JSP Vice-Chairman Hiroo WADA, who did not attend CEC meeting, told EmbOff September 9 he is flatly opposed to "joint struggle" plan and is planning to fight it. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

c. Comment: Strong Sohyo reaction to Sasaki faction attempt to lead JSP into united front with JCP on Korean Treaty and Vietnam issues will strengthen anti-Sasaki forces within JSP in their opposition to organizational ties with JCP. Unless Sasaki faction succeeds in building up more local level pressures for united front than exists at present, prospects for materialization of formal JSP-JCP tie-up appear doubtful at present. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Okinawa

a. Cabinet Council on Okinawa, established after PriMin Sato's visit there last month, held its second meeting September 7. Council confirmed GOJ position that: 1) Japan has residual or "basic territorial" sovereignty over Okinawa under Article III of the Peace Treaty; 2) problems should be handled by US-Japan bilaterally and not referred to UN; 3) GOJ intends use US-Japan Consultative Committee to express views on administration of Okinawa in preparation for eventual reversion. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Council's action clarified Sato Government's stand and reflected wish to become more closely involved in Okinawan matters through existing mechanisms of cooperation with U.S. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. GOJ Recognizes New Dominican Government

a. GOJ September 6 extended recognition to new Dominican Government under Provisional President Garcia Godoy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None

5. Japan on Kashmir

a. PriMin Sato September 7 sent personal messages to both Ayub and Shastri urging ceasefire and peaceful settlement and supporting U Thant's efforts. FonMin Shiina called in Indian Ambassador and Pakistani Charge September 8 and repeated theme. LDP Vice President, Kawashima, who was on state visit to India and Burma for purpose discussing A-A Conference and Vietnam, will provide GOJ with first hand impressions of India's situation upon his return. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Japanese press not unexpectedly has also come out strong for cease-fire and peace, but neither GOJ nor press commentators have suggested any more active role for Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Japan-ROK Treaty Ratification
 - a. Formal decision to convene extraordinary Diet session October 5 for 70-day extraordinary session in order to ratify

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Japan-ROK Treaty and agreements was made at meeting September 14 of leading GOJ and LDP officials. According plans announced by GOJ, PriMin SATO and FonMin SHIINA will deliver opening speeches on general administrative and foreign policies, after which Diet deliberation of pact and agreements will begin as soon as possible.

b. Opposition JSP decided at strategy meeting same day to demand creation of Special Diet Committee to deliberate treaty. JSP meeting also nominated eleven Diet members to sit on committee if formed and to lead JSP fight against ratification in Diet. At same time party reiterated its view that ratification bill should not be introduced at coming session because of wide difference of views between Japan and ROK on interpretation of key points.

c. JSP demand for postponement received support from maverick LDP Dietman Tokuma UTSUNOMIYA, who, however, was prevailed upon to soft-pedal his stand after a brief flurry of publicity.

d. Although LDP has enough votes easily to override Socialist and Communist opposition in Diet, positive support from DSP on issue (or at least agreement not to boycott deliberations) important to win public acceptance of treaty ratification. DSP Secretary General Eiichi NISHIMURA publicly pledged DSP support of ratification bill September 16, but issue is reportedly causing sharp split in party. (UNCLASSIFIED)

e. Sato on two occasions attacked opposition effort to link ratification with Vietnam issue, asserting that fact Japan/ROK normalization pending 14 years disproved direct connection. LDP "People's Movement Headquarters," under direction of Okinori KAYA launched promised public-speaking campaign in support of ratification, but heavy rains on first few days took edge off drive.

f. Comment: While Diet approval of Treaty and agreements seems assured, much will depend on success of left opposition's delaying tactics in Diet and on whether organized leftist efforts outside parliament can create serious public disorder. Prognosis at present is that opposition forces will blow up impressive storm but will not achieve aim of blocking ratification. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Developments on JSP-JCP Joint Struggle

a. JSP, Sohyo, and Churitsu Roren (Independent Labor Federation) leaders met September 14 at JSP headquarters and agreed on program of common action to oppose ratification of Japan-ROK Treaty. It was decided that first wave of campaign would be rallies in each prefecture on September 21 with second wave to be featured by central rally in Tokyo October 12 of 100,000 persons, in conjunction with commemoration of death of former JSP Chairman Asanuma who was assassinated in 1960. It was also agreed that if

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satisfactory agreements were reached with JCP, October 12 rally would include cooperation on one-day basis with JCP, and similar one-day united actions would be scheduled thereafter. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Strong Sohyo and intra-party opposition to Chairman Sasaki's efforts to promote continuous and broad-scale cooperation with the JCP has resulted in temporary abandonment of JSP CEC plan to form JSP-JCP "joint struggle" organization (WEEK 36, Item 2). Since all elements agree on limited ad hoc cooperation on "one day" basis with Communists, JSP leadership has sought to close ranks on basis this formula. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. JCP Opens Campaign to Block Ratification of Japan-Korea Treaty

a. September 12 JCP-sponsored rally and demonstration parade in Tokyo drew turnout of approximately 65,000, largest under JCP sponsorship since 1960. Demonstration, opening event in JCP struggle to block ratification of Japan-Korea Treaty and agreements, was climax of month of preparations and week long effort mobilize 1,000,000 in nationwide action to block Japan-Korea treaty, oppose Vietnam aggressive war, and protect people's livelihood. Demonstration marked by large number of representatives from women's organizations, strict adherence to public safety regulations, and complete lack of incidents. JSP and Sohyo did not participate and so far as Embassy aware they not invited to join. JCP SecGen Kenji MIYAMOTO at September 11 press conference stated that, regardless of results of efforts toward JSP-JCP joint struggle, JCP preparing own campaign on larger scale than in 1960. Next JCP demonstration scheduled for October 10. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Turnout, though less than sponsor's claim of 135,000, was impressive opening show for JCP and is evidence of JCP ability mobilize large numbers when preparations are thorough and made well in advance. Large number of women demonstrators probably attributable to recent "low posture" and non-violent attitude on part JCP. Appears from Miyamoto's remarks and September 12 performance that JCP not only ready, but also able, to "go it alone" if joint struggle with JSP-Sohyo proves impossible. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Komeito Opposes Japan-ROK Treaty

a. Komeito SecGen TSUJI announced September 15 that Komeito would cooperate with JSP in Diet, opening Oct. 5, in opposing ratification of Japan-Korea treaties. Tsuji made it clear, however, that Party would not cooperate in extra-Diet activities. Komeito original decision to oppose ratification taken immediately following action by ROK Assembly and based more on way treaty was handled by ROK Assembly and presumed subsequent effect on Japan-ROK relations than on contents of treaty. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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b. Comment: Komeito announcement follows several weeks of searching for rationale to support its opposition. Party can find fault with many aspects of agreement, but it has thus far not identified itself with left by alleging that treaty was effort by U.S. to form "NEATO" or that it is connected with Vietnam war. As Party not represented in Lower House, its influence on substantive deliberations will be minimal. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. JDA Official in Vietnam Bombing Raid

a. On September 13 local press and TV featured UP1-distributed photo of Japanese National Defense College instructor Hidejiro KOTANI (on USIS-sponsored tour of South Vietnam) in a USAF B-57 preparing to take off on bombing mission. Opposition has seized on item for an attack on the SATO government, alleging Sato Government attempting involve Japan in Vietnam war. Unhelpful public comments by JDA officials and strongly critical statement by extreme left-wing Socialist Haruo OKADA contributed to brief press flurry. Kotani, on leave from the College at the time, stated that he was unaware mission was to be actual bombing run. According some sources he offered resignation, but if has not been accepted pending JDA investigation of the incident. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: JSP can be counted on to raise issue in forthcoming extraordinary Diet in effort to embarrass GOJ at time when it striving avoid controversies that would impair relatively smooth ratification of Japan-Korea agreements. Media attention to incident was short-lived and it will probably be kept "under investigation" during forthcoming Diet session. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. LDP Dietmen Cancel Peiping Trip

a. Eight LDP Dietmen, whose scheduled goodwill mission to Communist China was unilaterally postponed by Peiping (WEEKA 34, Item 3), decided September 13 to abandon plans for their trip. Decision, according press, was reached after word from LDP Dietman now in Peiping as advisor to Japanese trade mission indicated Peiping's attitude toward goodwill mission extremely negative. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Members of goodwill mission reportedly expressed view Chicom hostility to Sato administration deeper than previously believed. Now this reported Chicom attitude has affected results of OKAZAKI trade mission (WEEKA 35, Item 3) cannot be judged until contents trade agreement are known. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. KAWASHIMA Returns from India and Burma

a. LDP Vice-President Kawashima returned September 15 from official visit to India and Burma which had been scheduled before Indo-Pak hostilities

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began. In airport press interview he said no third party should support either India or Pakistan (thus taking slap at Chicoms). He said that if U Thant's mediatory efforts should fail, it would become necessary for third countries to try. Kawashima said it would be natural for Japan to cooperate in such effort.

b. Chief Cabinet Secretary Hashimoto September 16 said GOJ would not take independent action to mediate Indo-Pak conflict and that official posture will be determined after Kawashima reports to PriMin and other Cabinet and LDP leaders September 17.

c. At press conference Kawashima claimed he had won Indian and Burmese support for Japanese candidacy for UNSC seat, GOJ bid to have Tokyo as headquarters for ADB, and ministerial conference on Southeast Asian economic development. He also said Ne Win had accepted Sato's invitation visit Japan in 1966. (UNCLASSIFIED)

d. Comment: None

8. Nepalese Ambassador Arrives

a. First Nepalese Ambassador to Japan B. R. Bhandary presented credentials to Emperor September 15. In press interview he said Nepal would like to have more technical, industrial, and economic cooperation with Japan. He hoped to arrange photo exhibition to publicize Nepal in Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None

MILITARY

9. JDA to Ask for Ministry Status and Restoration of Former Rank System

a. Japan Defense Agency announced it would present bill at next ordinary Diet session to elevate JDA to Ministry status, and would also present bill to revive pre-surrender military rank designations for Self Defense Force officers (non-com and enlisted rank designations will remain as at present). Reasoning is that present rank titles are confusing and unknown to public. Under this revision, Chief of Joint Staff Council and Chiefs of Three Services would be promoted to full general. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: This appears to be example of Self Defense Forces confidence in its acceptance by public. Bill to revise ranks should probably pass but rougher sledding/as in the past can be expected for bill to elevate JDA to ministry status. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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a. Item 8 of WEEKA 35 was based on Asahi Shimbun article which reported new JDA budget request to be approximately 10% increase over JFY 65 defense budget. Newspaper figure was in error and should be corrected JFY 66 Budget request is actually 21.5% higher than JFY 65 budget. (UNCLASSIFIED)

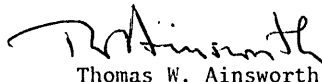
b. Comment: None

11. JDA Announces Disciplinary Measures in "Three Arrows" Case

a. JDA DirGen MATSUNO announced September 14 that he had disciplined 26 military and civilian officials for breaches of security as result of investigation concerning apparent leak of "Three Arrows" and subsequent debates in Diet (WEEKA 10, Item 1). Announcement received extensive coverage in news media September 15. JSP spokesmen claimed that punishment should have been directed against those responsible for the study rather than against security violators. JSP indicated it does not consider matter closed and plans to seek more mileage from "Three Arrows" incident. Twenty-six officials (with three more yet to be named) who received oral or written reprimands and warnings include JDA Vice-Dir MIWA, present Chief of JDA Secretariat KAIHARA, 16 ASDF, 3 MSDF, and 5 GSDF officers. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Significant that announced punishment was for security violations and not related to substance of Diet debate concerning "Three Arrows" study. By implication, study itself was within purview of JDA Joint Staff Council. JDA officials have privately indicated that punishments will not seriously effect careers of most officials. While investigation by JDA did not pinpoint specific individuals who, as one official phrased it, "leaked plan to Communists and were probably party members," those who were reasonably suspect have been removed or transferred to less sensitive positions. Publication of nature of offense and degree of punishments probably intended demonstrate that JDA does have some recourse for official secrets violations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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6. New Status for GQJ Mission in Seoul
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POLITICAL

1. Parties Prepare for ROK Treaty Ratification Struggle

a. Both GOJ/LDP and opposition worked to firm up respective positions in preparation for confrontation in special Diet session starting October 5 over ratification of normalization treaty with ROK. Democratic Socialist Party in series of meetings among leaders and Diet members continued unable to reach agreement on whether to go along with ratification or actively oppose (WEEKA 37 Item 1 d). Komeito September 21 officially confirmed decision to oppose Treaty in Diet but not engage in extra-parliamentary agitation. LDP, according press, decided September 22 to seek meetings between PriMin SATO and leaders of DSP and Japan Socialist Party (separately)

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to seek degree of moderation in handling of ratification issue; Sato reportedly plans to ask that opposition use "good common sense" in deliberating treaty and to promise that Government spokesmen will give "sincere" replies to opposition interpellations. LDP and opposition reached agreement on starting special session October 5 and Cabinet meeting September 21 made this official; parties have not yet agreed on length of session with JSP holding out for less than 70 days LDP calls for. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Reported LDP initiative toward opposition probably designed primarily for public consumption rather than expected to moderate attitude of opposition, at least JSP. In addition to LDP publicity campaign (WEEKA 37, Item 1 e) Sato has reportedly made special efforts in meetings with top mass media representatives to forestall media's encouraging opposition in extra-parliamentary activities, and decided to put pay rise for government employees into effect earlier than Finance Ministry desired, in hope of preventing this issue from being utilized by opposition in stirring up demonstrations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Dietmen Refuse Renewed Chicom Invitation

a. LDP Dietmen who had canceled goodwill visit to Peiping after receiving word that their visit would not be "timely" (WEEKA 37, Item 6) were indirectly advised this week that they were again welcome. Yutaro TAKEYAMA, LDP Dietman who had just returned from Peiping where he was advisor to Okazaki trade delegation, and Kenzo MATSUMURA, who reportedly had telephoned Peiping to ask for explanation of Chicom position, told Dietmen that LIAO Cheng-chih, chairman of China-Japan Friendship Association, told them Chicoms would be glad to receive Diet delegation at any time. However, Yoshimi FURUI and four other LDP Diet members decided to postpone trip anyway, pleading upcoming parliamentary business. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Apparently Matsumura, and perhaps Takeyama and Okazaki as well, persuaded Liao Cheng-chih that previous Chicom decision to postpone trip would have adverse affect on Peiping's image in Japan. Peiping's sweet and sour tactics in this affair probably will have little deterrent effect on those Japanese who wish to make the pilgrimage to Peiping. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Ninth IAEA General Conference Opens in Tokyo

a. Ninth IAEA General Conference, attended by representatives from some 93 member nations, opened in Tokyo September 21. Conference is scheduled to continue through September 28. Primary business before Conference concerns adoption new safeguard system against military use of nuclear energy. Highlights of Conference thus far included personal message from President Johnson urging IAEA members to "continue their efforts to develop peaceful uses atomic energy, while also preventing spread nuclear weapons";

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GOJ representative called on all IAEA members to submit their non-military reactors to IAEA control; and Soviet delegate submitted resolution calling for international agreement banning nuclear weapons and ultimate total disarmament. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None.

4. Trade Agreement with Peiping

a. Trade Agreement for fourth year (1966) of Liao-Takasaki agreement was signed in Peiping September 18. Agreement envisages trade of approximately \$200 million both ways, some \$50 million less than Japanese wanted. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Chinese drove hard bargains, and relatively low figure in agreement may have had some economic justifications. However, traders and press, while somewhat resentful of Chicom tactics, have also blamed Sato government's allegedly negative attitude toward Chicoms for low trade agreement figure. Trade by "friendly firms" outside L-T Agreement, is not affected and will continue to grow. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Consultative Committee on Okinawa

a. Japan-U.S. Consultative Committee on Okinawan matters met on September 20. U.S. side proposed GOJ aid program for JFY 1966 at level of \$15.85 million. Japanese response to proposal will be made at next ConCom meeting probably in mid-October. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Level of proposed program is about double that of JFY 1965. In both total amount and substance, U.S. proposal goes long way to meet GOJ wishes as reflected in PriMin Sato's statements during recent visit to Okinawa and subsequent informal contacts with GOJ. If agreement on program can be reached by end of October, it should help cause of Okinawan government party in mid-November elections for legislature. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. New Status for GOJ Mission in Seoul

a. Korean Mission notified GOJ September 20 of ROK agreement to establishment of Japanese "provisional diplomatic office" in Seoul. Japanese agreed to informal Korean request not to fly Japanese flag or put up sign. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Korean action upgrades status of Toshikazu MAEDA and his four assistants who have informally represented Japanese FonOff in Seoul. New office will become Embassy after diplomatic relations established. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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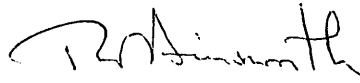
a. Former Vietnamese Premier Dr. Pham Huy Quat arrived in Osaka September 21 for private visit following Manila meeting of APACL. He plans discuss Vietnam with GOJ officials and others. He told press in Osaka that Japanese should urge Chicom stop invading SEA countries and that peace cannot be assured unless Chicom expansionism stopped. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Quat's remarks were well given but received little attention in the Japanese press. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Maneuvers on Korea Treaty Ratification

a. In accordance with PriMin Sato's previously announced intention of meeting opposition party leaders to discuss ratification procedures of Japan-Korea treaty (WEEKA 38, Item 1), Shiro NAKAMURA, Chairman of LDP Diet Policy Committee, proposed to his JSP counterpart, Koichi YAMAMOTO, September 27 that party heads meet and that special Diet duration be 70 days. Yamamoto turned down party heads meeting,

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said Diet should last only 40-50 days, declared differences between Japanese and Korean spokesmen in interpretation of treaty are obvious evidence that treaty needs renegotiation and should not be submitted to Diet. Yamamoto said Diet should instead consider JSP-sponsored supplementary appropriations bill to help sufferers from natural disasters and to raise salaries for government employees. Another meeting September 29 failed to resolve differences. After September 30 JSP Central Committee meeting, Chairman Sasaki called for all-out effort to use treaty issue to overthrow Sato government and force new elections. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: JSP obstructionist tactics have begun. LDP will attempt maintain conciliatory "fair" posture. Press comments so far generally favor confining debates to Diet and have expressed hope unruly demonstrations will not occur. Issue is still at stage of preliminary case-building and skirmishing, with JSP confident pronouncements probably designed largely for stimulation of own forces. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. TANAKA Plan for Eliminating LDP Factions

a. Secretary General Tanaka of Liberal Democratic Party September 28 unveiled his promised plan for measures to dissolve LDP factions (WEEKA 36, Item 1). General reaction in LDP and press was that new plan marked little if any advance over proposal put forth by Takeo MIKI, then Chairman of LDP Organization Research Council and now MITI Minister, in 1963. Like Miki plan, Tanaka proposal restricted to general exhortations on need to centralize LDP finances, give formal party machinery effective control over personnel matters including designation of LDP candidates in Diet elections, and eliminate factional considerations from choice of LDP President (which amounts to choice of PriMin). (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Tanaka has been preoccupied with LDP preparations for treaty-ratification special Diet session (Item 1) and this party-reform plan, reportedly drafted by one of Tanaka's secretaries, appears designed merely to serve as basis for discussions and negotiations among party members. Reaction of other factions to Sato-Tanaka moves on faction dissolution remains cool and skeptical. Only known shift of apparent significance from initial lack of enthusiasm is in direction contrary to Sato's efforts -- LDP right wing, which at first voiced support for call for dissolving factions, is showing signs of backing off, because of growing suspicion that reform likely be converted into Tanaka maneuver to solidify his position as heir-apparent to Sato. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. JCP Retracts Support of Tokyo Assembly Resolution on Vietnam

a. According to September 30 press, National Police Agency has obtained copies of JCP central committee secret memorandum dated September

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4 which was circulated to JCP headquarters throughout Japan. Document described as condemning JCP Metropolitan Assemblymen's support of Tokyo Assembly August 18 resolution calling for peaceful settlement of Vietnam conflict (WEEKA 33, Item 3) sponsored by JCP, JSP, DSP, and Komeito as contrary to JCP policy and calling August 20 Akahata article supporting resolution and praising JCP Assembly members "incorrect." JCP memorandum criticized resolution for calling for international conference and return to Geneva agreements without assurance of cease-fire and American withdrawal and for adding to stature of Sato cabinet, (which memorandum said is "aiding the American aggressive war,") by calling on it to seek a cease-fire and foreign troop withdrawal.

b. Press commented that such criticisms of tactical errors and retractions of Akahata stories by secret memoranda had become rare in recent years. Press also speculated that incident might affect prospects for close JCP cooperation with other opposition groups in struggle against ROK treaty ratification. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: JCP action may well have been prompted by Chicom pressures on JCP to stay in line with Chicom policy regarding Vietnam negotiations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Visit by High Commissioner of Ryukyus

a. During September 27-October 1 visit to Tokyo, High Commissioner of the Ryukyus Lt. Gen. Albert Watson II called on PriMin Sato and Acting FonMin Tokuyasu FUKUDA, made speech at Foreign Correspondents Club, and was interviewed on two TV programs. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: HICOM's visit helped improve mutual understanding of U.S. and Japan views on Okinawan problems. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. GOJ and Unions Manuevers Re "Dreyer Report" (WEEKA 35, Item 6)

a. According to press, meeting of Cabinet ministers concerned on September 29 decided following position: Dreyer Commission report not legally binding on GOJ and should be considered as proposal to improve long range labor-management relations; GOJ does not contemplate giving strike right to public enterprise workers but problem will be considered by Civil Service System Deliberative Council (Weeka 20, Item 4) when it is set up; GOJ hopes labor unions will concern themselves with labor problems and not politics; disciplinary measures taken against public enterprise workers' illegal actions in spring struggle this year do not violate ILO Conventions 87 or 98; Teachers Union should stop its political activities. GOJ on September 30 announced appointment of Yoshinori MAEDA, President of NHK, as Chairman of Civil Service Deliberative Council and urged Sohyo to name its members. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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b. Teachers Union (Nikkyoso) Special Convention decided September 30 to underline demand for complete implementation of wage and other recommendations of National Personnel Authority (NPA) (WEEKA 33, Item 4) by having members take "half-day leave" on October 22. Other Sohyo civil service unions announced various protest actions for same day.

c. Also on September 29 it was announced that GOJ and Sohyo would hold third "top level" meeting on October 5. Among agenda items are GOJ position on Dreyer Report, implementation of NPA recommendations, EdMin-Nikkyoso talks, political activities of public service workers, and the disputative acts scheduled for October 22. (UNCLASSIFIED)

d. Comment: GOJ position aims at obtaining time and flexibility in considering numerous and complex recommendations of Dreyer Report. Stand on strike right and appointment of Maeda emphasize crucial role envisaged for Civil Service Deliberative Council and put pressure on Sohyo to stop dragging feet on selection of Council members. Major short term issues of implementation of NPA recommendations and EdMin-Nikkyoso talks will be taken up at "top-level" meeting, and both GOJ and Sohyo are jockeying for position in those talks and for November meeting in Geneva when Dreyer Commission will formally present its report to ILO. Nikkyoso plan for half day leave has been criticized in press and if it materializes, subsequent disciplinary measures by EdMin likely to have strong public approval. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Reaction to Ch'en Yi Statement

a. Chicom FonMin Chen Yi's statement September 29 received extensive coverage all media. At press conference September 30 Vice-FonMin SHIMODA said Ch'en's speech indicated "grievous and undesirable trend" in Peiping's thinking and said Ch'en's remarks would adversely affect international peace. Press quoted FonOff sources to effect (1) Ch'en had badly damaged chances for entry into UN this year and apparently hoped induce A-A-Latin America countries change UN to permit Chicom entry on Chicom terms; (2) Peiping has abandoned hope of keeping Soviets out of Algiers A-A Conference after Nasser's endorsement of Soviet participation; (3) little chance of KMT-CCP, ⁽⁴⁾ ~~Chicom~~ ^{Chicom} East against US, Soviets, and India resulted from "feeling of being surrounded," reminiscent of Japan's feeling of encirclement by ABCD powers before WWII; and (5) attitude toward Japanese trade no different from previous statements. Press, while expressing "understanding" of Chicom desire alter UN because it dominated by adversaries, said creation of second UN not justified. Press also criticized Ch'en for making it more difficult for other countries negotiate with Peiping and denied Japan has any intention invading China in cooperation with U.S. Some papers added that efforts to bring Chicoms closer to free nations should continue. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None

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from TOKYOMILITARY7. SDF Participation in U.N. Missions Legally Permissible

a. GOJ has announced findings of its Cabinet Legislation Bureau to effect that SDF personnel could legally be dispatched abroad as part of a U.N. peace-keeping force. This would apply only to observation-type missions (e.g. overseeing a cease-fire) and not to actual combat actions such as in Korea. . (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Announcement comes at time when Japan is expecting to be elected to U.N. Security Council, and reflects GOJ realization that it must take a more active role in U.N. affairs. However, should actual dispatch of SDF personnel appear imminent opposition from left can be expected. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. JDA Concern Over Crimes of SDF Personnel
week

a. Within past/three SDF members have been charged with murder, theft, and assault, respectively. JDA DirGen MATSUNO expressed concern that public may gain impression that SDF discipline is lax and asked SDF to strengthen moral education of servicemen to prevent such crimes as well as leakage of defense secrets. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Individual crimes by SDF personnel are nothing new, but occurrence (more precisely revelation) of three in one week has caused some concern. Fact that one of alleged criminals enlisted without SDF knowledge of previous conviction for theft suggests that screening of prospective enlistees leaves something to be desired. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

9. Opposition to Little John Rocket Firing

a. Villagers living in Mount Fuji area began protesting planned firing of Little John (LJ) rockets at Fuji firing range by Okinawa-based U.S. Army 57th Artillery Regiment which was announced Monday, September 27. Sit-down demonstrations were staged in range impact area and more were planned in effort to stop firing. Representatives of local communities visited Defense Agency, Foreign Office and Embassy to deliver protests against firing plans. Japan Socialist Party took up issue and sent representatives to urge that JDA Director Matsuno ask U.S. Forces to suspend the missile firing. JSP representatives were reported by newspapers as saying that GOJ inaction on this problem was tantamount to Japan's cooperation in "U.S. invasion of Vietnam" Matsuno reportedly answered with proposal that Diet members make inspection tour of firing practice and said there no possibility of Japan becoming involved in Vietnam under Japan-U.S. Security Treaty. In meantime, high ranking JDA official, answering a JSP Diet

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member's claim that LJ is not among those weapons permitted to be fired at Fuji range, said Little JOHN regarded as "kind of cannon". (CONFIDENTIAL)

b. Comment: Incident not expected to create further repercussions but will probably be brought up by JSP in Diet session, scheduled open next week. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

10. Air Defense Gets New Unit

a. October 1 press reported Japan Defense Agency announcement that F-104J fighter unit (205th Air Squadron) at Komatsu Air Base, Ishikawa Prefecture had become operational. Unit had been in training status since first of year, while men and equipment were being brought up to authorized levels. Operational fighter units now number 13 squadrons with 550 aircraft (F86 and F-104). (UNCLASSIFIED)

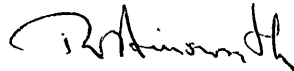
b. Comment: None

11. PriMin Supports Strengthening of Self-Defense Forces

a. At annual meeting of top JDA civilian and military personnel on September 30 PriMin Sato stated intent to "bolster Japan's defense forces to keep abreast of the world situation." Following PriMin, JDA DirGen Matsuno spoke along same lines, stating "the unending outbreak of conflicts in Asia along with detonation of second atomic device by Chicoms early this year has heightened tensions in neighboring countries." (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: The PriMin's speech follows same lines as recent statements by Matsuno concerning building up Japan's defense strength. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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1. FIRST MISSILE BTN, 57TH REGIMENT, ARMY IX CORPS, OKINAWA, IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING FIELD EXERCISES AT FUJI-MCNAIR MANEUVER AREA WHICH INCLUDE SCHEDULED FIRING EIGHT PRACTICE ROUNDS LITTLE JOHN MISSILE. THIS PROJECT FIRST DISCUSSED AND COORDINATED WITH EMB BY USFJ LAST JUNE AND AGAIN REVIEWED AND FULLY CONCURRED IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS SINCE SEPTEMBER 18 AND IS SCHEDULED END OCTOBER

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16. LAST MAJOR USE OF FUJI-MCNAIR BY U.S. ARMY WAS IN 1958 AND CURRENT EXERCISE IS FIRST MAJOR USE OF AREA BY ANY U.S. MILITARY UNIT SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR.

2. USE OF TRAINING AREA FOR PURPOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY COORDINATED WITH GOJ AND LONG-STANDING PROCEDURES FOR SCHEDULING TRAINING EXERCISES THIS NATURE, AS ESTABLISHED WITHIN FRAMEWORK JOINT COMMITTEE, HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY FOLLOWED. AS REPORTED REF WEEKS ANNOUNCEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 27 OF PLANS FIRE PRACTICE ROUNDS LITTLE JOHN MISSILES DREW PROTESTS FROM VILLAGERS NEAR MANEUVER AREA AS WELL AS JSP. FIRING OF FIRST PRACTICE MISSILE ON OCTOBER 2 WAS ALSO DELAYED MORE THAN HOUR BY DEMONSTRATING VILLAGERS WHO INFILTRATED IMPACT AREA IN EFFORT FORCE CANCELLATION. PROTESTS CONTINUE AGAINST SECOND PRACTICE FIRING WHICH SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 7 WITH VILLAGERS THREATENING PRODUCE 5000 DEMONSTRATORS INFILTRATE RANGE ON THAT DAY IF FURTHER PRACTICE FIRINGS NOT CANCELLED.

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1. Treaty Ratification Battle Joined as Special Diet Opens

a. 50th Special Diet session opened October 4 after 1 hour delay occasioned by failure LDP and opposition to agree on basic procedural issues. Earlier in day PriMin SATO met heads of JSP, DSP and Komeito to follow up unsuccessful efforts of parties' Diet Policy chairmen to reach agreement on length of session and other procedural matters. Although plenary session was finally convened about 8:45 p.m., roll call vote was necessary to fix length of session for first time since war. LDP proposal for 70-day session carried 213 to 84. Bills

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to ratify treaty package introduced, but JSP, adopting outraged posture over decision to vote on length of session, boycotted procedural committee meetings October 6 and 7, forcing postponement opening ceremonies, government policy speeches and real beginning of work until next week.

b. While pursuing delaying tactics in Diet, JSP leadership during week held series of meetings to map plans for intensified extra-parliamentary campaign to block treaty. Most significant development was proposal to create "temporary liaison committee" to coordinate Socialist and Communist demonstrations in November, when Diet debate reaches climax. At meeting between JSP and Sohyo leaders October 5 Sohyo agreed to foregoing proposal which was subsequently debated and adopted at Sohyo special convention on October 7. (See Item 9). (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Manner in which Special Diet Session was opened highlighted potential for running fight between LDP and opposition throughout session over ratification of ROK treaty package. Socialist feet-dragging and delaying tactics may force LDP to exercise its majority and push treaty package through legislature without having had chance to offer convincing explanations on substance to public. At same time, hopes of JSP leftwing to generate "crisis mood" by massive demonstrations outside Diet received boost as opposition within Sohyo to more than ad hoc joint activity with Communists was overridden by supporters of expanded and continuous cooperation among opponents of treaty ratification. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. "Little John" Firing Practice Postponed (WEEKA 39, Item 9)

a. At official request GOJ, transmitted by JDA DirGen MATSUNO October 7, further test firing of 'Little John' missile was suspended during remainder training exercise currently underway Fuji-McNair range by first battalion, 57th Regiment, IX Army Corps. JDA request followed repeated demands for cancellation by local officials and demonstrations in impact area, making firing hazardous. According to press one local mayor stated that opposition to "Little John" firings due to Japanese fears of rockets' nuclear capabilities. Mayors of Gotemba and Fujiyoshida, visiting Embassy to appeal for cancellation of exercise, did not raise this point but emphasized that local dissatisfaction over increased use of firing range was at unusually high level. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

b. Comment: Though left attempting use nuclear capability issue in fanning opposition, more significant motivation for opposition probably stems from local people's dissatisfaction with GOJ financial compensation arrangements and desire prevent range from becoming base for missile firings by JDA. GOJ has agreed seek understanding of local populace to permit practice firings at later date. Embassy believes it highly unlikely "understanding" will be reached prior to passage of ROK treaty package (Item 1 above) and

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successful conclusion of current Diet session. Although firing range issue has no direct connection with ROK agreement, GOJ will wish to avoid issues which left could exploit at this juncture. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Komeito Supports LDP Candidate for Tokyo Public Safety Commission.

a. At October 6 session of Tokyo Assembly Komeito joined LDP and DSP in successful support of nomination of Hiroshi ANZAI, Vice-President of Tokyo Gas Company, to Tokyo Public Safety Commission. JSP and JCP opposed nomination. Important questions of water rate increases and health insurance premium hikes were referred to committees. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Komeito's support of Anzai nomination, over which Komeito had shown hesitation in July Assembly session, reflects party's basic stand favoring the Public Safety Ordinance and control of leftist mass demonstrations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Soviet Ambassador Calls on PriMin.

a. In discussion with PriMin Sato October 6 Ambassador Vinogradov, who recently returned to Tokyo from home leave, asked for specifics of proposal for Japanese cooperation in Siberian economic development, renewed Soviet invitation for Sato to visit USSR, and called for speed-up in negotiations on civil air and consular agreements. Sato asked Soviets to encourage North Vietnamese to negotiate settlement of Vietnam problem and requested Soviet "understanding" of Japan's efforts to normalize relations with South Korea. (CONFIDENTIAL)

b. Comment: Soviet Ambassador's conversation with PriMin served as prelude to resumption of civil air agreement negotiations in Tokyo October 7 (Emb A-429) and reflects Soviet efforts to expand relations with Japan. GOJ also seems interested in improving relations, particularly in economic field. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. LDP Reacts to Chou Speech.

a. LDP Vice President KAWASHIMA said October 1 that Chicom Premier Chou En-lai, by expressing Chicom support of "struggles of Japanese people against American imperialism and its lackeys" in September 30 speech, was clearly interfering in Japan's internal affairs. Kawashima declared "We can never tolerate it." In press conference October 5 PriMin Sato touched lightly on Chicom attitude, stating he regretted attitude Chicoms have taken over last several months. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: At least until Korean treaty ratification out of the way, Sato appears to be taking low posture toward Peiping. Kawashima's remarks and Liao's statements (Item 7) provide further indications that

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Chicom and GOJ attitudes toward each other have hardened recently. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. DSP Group Returns from Seoul Visit.

a. Four-man Democratic Socialist Party mission led by DSP Vice-Chairman Ushiro ITO returned October 6 after 4-day visit to survey ROK attitudes toward normalization treaty. Ito told press on return that he was satisfied there were no basic contradictions between ROK and Japanese interpretations of treaty on such points as extent of ROK territorial jurisdiction (limited to south of 38th parallel) and Rhee Line (no longer in existence). He reported, however, ROK firm on claims to Takeshima. Ito also added that ROK, despite some dissatisfaction with terms, prepared to live with treaty and that ROK Government in no danger of being overthrown over issue. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Results of mission likely to be strengthening of DSP position in support of treaty. Ito's remarks to press were, to a limited extent, helpful in offsetting JSP and JCP anti-treaty propaganda. (LIMITED Official Use)

7. Chicoms Tough on Yoshida Letter.

a. China-Japan Friendship Association President Liao Cheng-chih told Japanese reporters in Peiping October 2 that, (1) there could be no increase in Sino-Japanese trade until GOJ publicly repudiated Yoshida letter concerning credit facilities, and (2) there is no chance for normalization of Chicom-Japanese relations until Taiwan issue solved. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: While Chicoms have said many times previously that Yoshida letter impedes development Sino-Japanese trade, Liao's statement goes further by demanding public repudiation, a demand to which Sato Government is unlikely to accede. Raising of Taiwan issue only reiterates well-known Chicom stand that other countries must break relations with Taiwan in order to normalize relations with Chicoms; surprising number of Japanese, however, have been guilty of wishful thinking to effect Japan could somehow get around Chicom insistence on this point. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Former GVN Premier Visits Japan.

a. Former GVN Premier Phan Huy Quat left Japan October 3 for Korea after nearly 2-week visit (WEEKA 38, Item 1). Quat spoke to business group in Osaka, SEA Research group at Kyoto University, and called on former PriMin Yoshida, PriMin Sato, and several LDP Dietmen. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Quat's remarks in Osaka received moderate press coverage but otherwise visit went unreported. Visit with Kyoto scholars and

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some other interviews went badly because adequate interpretation not available. Consequently, visit made little impact. (CONFIDENTIAL)

9. Sohyo Special Convention.

a. Sohyo Special Convention, October 6-7, adopted action policy calling on GOJ to implement civil service wage recommendations of National Personnel Authority and denouncing Japan-ROK Treaty, Vietnam war, and management rationalization plans. Hottest debate concerned October 5 agreement with JSP to appoint liaison officers to meet with JCP and other groups to accelerate cooperation in November against Japan-ROK Treaty beyond one-day "separate but coordinated" demonstration formula approved by July annual convention. SecGen IWAI, in defending October 5 agreement, admitted that it might lead to co-sponsored joint struggles with JCP. Convention approved action policy including October 5 agreement but Postal Workers Union (Zentei) reserved its position pending further consideration.

b. Chairman OTA's address on October 6, day after rupture of Sohyo-GOJ "top level" talks on issue of further meetings between Teachers Union (Nikkyoso) and EdMin, called for "complete confrontation" with GOJ, including non-participation in Civil Service System Deliberative Council scheduled to be inaugurated later this month. Iwai stated Sohyo would not participate in further "top level" talks unless GOJ gave assurances EdMin would meet with Nikkyoso on continuing basis. Action policy supports Nikkyoso half-day strike planned for October 22. (WEEKA 39, Item 5) (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Zentei's position will be focal point in continuing debate within Sohyo on how to implement October 5 agreement with JSP. Dispute reflects disagreement on degree and kind of cooperation with JCP; no Sohyo union advocates abandonment of opposition to ROK-Japan Treaty or Vietnam war.

d. Ota's call for "confrontation" with GOJ, precipitated by hard stand of EdMin on talks with Nikkyoso, has tactical purposes of supporting planned Nikkyoso half-day strike on November 22, evoking rank and file support for goals of action policy, and putting pressure on GOJ for concessions in future top level talks, and in Civil Service System Deliberation Council when it begins to function. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

10. Controversy Over Hanoi-based Reporting

a. In October 4 p.m. edition of Mainichi Shimbun, Foreign News Chief OMORI claimed from Hanoi that North Vietnam charges of U.S. bombing Quynh Lap leprosarium substantiated by film Hanoi authorities showed him. In October 5 Osaka press conference, Ambassador Reischauer rapped Japanese press for generally biased reporting on Vietnam and specifically criticized

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Omori for swallowing NVN propaganda whole. On same date, Embassy issued press released flatly denying NVN charge.

b. October 6 a.m. Asahi, whose foreign news chief, HATA, now in Hanoi, and Mainichi reported Ambassador's press conference and carried Embassy release, along with own partial rebuttal. "Soryushi" column in October 6 p.m. Asahi made strong claim of fair news treatment by Asahi and suggested problem involved self-justification of U.S. actions in Vietnam which was creating indignation among Japanese.

c. October 7 Asahi editorial said Ambassador's criticism "is accepted as advice from close friend," but held that Japanese naturally reacted differently from Americans to U.S. bombing of NVN because of their WWII experience of being bombed. Editorial defended Asahi news coverage, saying that not all statements and official releases can be considered news and that space limitations may prevent any single day's coverage from being balanced. Said its reporting should be judged from long-range viewpoint and it believed basic Asahi position over past years had created trust in its coverage.

d. Afternoon October 7 NTV television news program carried 2-minute film of alleged leprosarium after bombing, along with narration of dates and results of bombing according Hanoi version. Embassy pointed out to TV stations planning to telecast same film that reporting such NVN propaganda material as straight news was exactly what Ambassador took issue with in Osaka. As result, two networks decided against showing film and third network (Mainichi controlled TBS-TV) clearly identified Hanoi as source of film and accompanying text.

e. That issue will remain alive was suggested by October 8 morning news program on TBS radio which carried overseas phone conversation between TBS reporter and Mainichi's Omori (apparently in Hong Kong), who defended his reporting and added that North Vietnamese "wish to live peacefully as nation of farmers," but have intense hatred of U.S. and cannot understand why West cannot peacefully coexist with Communist countries.

f. Omori is expected back soon to begin busy around of appearances.
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g. Comment: Information from Mainichi before Omori entered North Vietnam and Omori's own statements in his first Hanoi dispatch about his "great mission" and "heavy responsibility" of trying to find road to Vietnam peace indicate Omori had major ambitions about Hanoi trip. But his reports degenerated into straight-faced replay of NVN propaganda, in strong contrast to his generally incisive (and certainly not naive) reporting from earlier visit to South Vietnam. This stirred up major controversy among Japanese journalists

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and impelled Ambassador Reischauer, in reply to correspondent's query, to criticize lack of objectivity on issue.

h. It is highly unusual for Asahi to carry conciliatory editorial like that of October 7, which was written by chief editorial writer Kyoze MORI.

i. Earlier U.S. objections to Japanese media treatment of Vietnam issue apparently helped bring about some self-reflection and at least temporary effort toward better balance. This in turn led overtly leftist (JCP and JSP) organs to deplore fact media were showing signs of moving to right.
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1. Diet Formally Opened.

a. After much inter-party negotiation, special Diet session was formally opened by Emperor on October 11, followed by Government policy speeches on October 13, and opposition interpellations beginning on Friday, October 15. Real battle to begin next week when opposition, after exhausting demands that treaty issue not be taken up, expected to press for establishment of special committee to

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deliberate treaty issue.

b. Asahi editorial on October 14 indicated Asahi, at least, supports special Diet Committee concept, but prepared to criticize JSP if it should delay in appointing its members as it did when ILO special committee was established last spring. JSP official told EmbOff JSP not planning stall on membership of special committee this time. LDP, according Diet sources, had not decided position firmly on special committee, but has no plans at present to yield to opposition demands for establishment.
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c. Comment: Opposition stalling tactics have thus far been moderately successful, but it seems entirely possible that further foot-dragging on debating real issues likely invite reaction from media which pressing for thorough deliberations on treaty issue. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Foreign Policy Speeches.

a. PriMin SATO and FonMin SHIINA in October 13 policy speeches in Diet strongly urged ratification Korean treaties. (WEEKA 40, Item 1). Sato (1) denied opposition contention that treaty would lead to military alliance; (2) affirmed GOJ desire "liquidate unhappy relationship of the past"; (3) asserted GOJ could not promote "peace diplomacy" without attaining peace with closest neighbor; and (4) said only natural to conclude treaty with ROK in view of UNGA 1948 resolution. He also re-asserted Japanese position that Takeshima question remains open for subsequent settlement between Japan and ROK.

b. Shiina said treaty is first step toward securing peace in Asia, division of Korea is caused by North Korean refusal to consent to UN formula for free elections, and neither GOJ nor ROKG has any intention of concluding military alliance.

c. On other subjects, Sato urged North Vietnam enter into negotiations to end Vietnam war and said restoration of Okinawa must be considered in context of maintaining Japanese security. Shiina made strong plea for Japanese efforts to raise Asian living standards, offered to cooperate in settling Indo-Pakistani dispute while admonishing third countries refrain from aggravating present situation, and hoped there could be meeting of SEA Ministers to consider economic development. (UNCLASSIFIED)

d. Comment: Speeches provided nothing new. Shiina's call for

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increased financial and technical cooperation in SEA similar to those in the past which foundered upon Finance Ministry's resistance to substantial budget increases for economic assistance. Press reaction tended to be more negative than in recent past, claiming neither PriMin nor FonMin had succeeded in inspiring nation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

3. Churitsuroren Fails to Join Sohyo Campaign Against Japan-ROK Treaty.

a. Churitsuroren, unable to reach unanimous decision on support of Sohyo plan to increase cooperation with JCP in opposing ROK-Japan Treaty (WEEKA 40, Item 9), released its member unions to decide matter of support individually. Churitsuroren (935,000 members) is loose federation whose rules require unanimous approval of policy decisions. Sole voice against cooperating in struggle reportedly was Electrical Equipment Workers Federation (Denki Roren), which accounts for more than one-third of Churitsu-roren membership and which adamantly opposes cooperation with JCP. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Churitsuroren decision not likely to have significant effect on number of Sohyo members participating in anti-Treaty demonstrations and, except for Denki Roren, other Churitsuroren affiliates expected to support Sohyo. However, OTA will face criticism from anti-communist elements within Sohyo that Sohyo policy of increased cooperation with JCP is driving non-Sohyo anti-communist groups away from Sohyo struggle against Japan-ROK Treaty. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Anti-Treaty Demonstrations.

a. According to police, approximately 35,000 demonstrators turned out at JSP-Sohyo sponsored October 12 Tokyo demonstration to block ratification of Japan-Korea treaties. Demonstration was second round in JSP-Sohyo struggle and, though turnout not up to sponsors' mobilization call of 100,000, JSP and Sohyo officials have expressed satisfaction with trend which they claim to feel will build on itself in future efforts. Demonstration parade, led by JSP Chairman SASAKI and SecGen NARITA, was orderly except for 1800 student sitdown and scuffle at Diet which produced 19 arrests.

b. Police estimate nationwide turnout at 107,000 in 160 rallies. AmCon Fukuoka reported 200 participants in indoor rally in Fukuoka City but no demonstrations and total Kyushu turnout of 17,000, less than police expected. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Whether October 12 demonstration will in fact lead to further build-up of intensity and enthusiasm for demonstrations impossible predict prior beginning of actual deliberations on treaty and related agreements. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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5. Visas Denied to North Koreans.

a. As result of October 8 representations by ROK Ambassador KIM Dong Jo, FonOff denied visas to North Korean delegates to non-governmental International Electro-Technical Commission meeting which began October 11. At October 13 meeting, called by USSR, Chicom and other delegates, 19 delegations (including U.S.), which was bare quorum, voted to request GOJ issue visas. Group threatened that meeting "might have" to move from Japan unless GOJ permitted North Korean entry. Japanese abstained from vote and South Koreans absent but in corridors. Vice-FonMin SHIMODA told press October 14 that GOJ would adhere to present policy of denying visas to North Koreans. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Except for athletes, competing in international events, GOJ has refused visas to North Koreans. IEC's move thus amounts to effort reverse GOJ policy. U.S. delegates briefed beforehand but voted for October 13 resolution because threat to leave Japan was worded equivocally. After additional briefing, U.S. and other friendly delegates may attempt prevent move from Tokyo despite risk walkout by block delegates. Issue arose at particularly delicate time in view of current Diet consideration of Japan-ROK treaty. Domestic opposition will attempt to exploit refusal of visas as evidence GOJ "hostile" to North Korea, while ROK would presumably strongly attack any weakening in policy.

6. Fishing Boat Tragedy in Central Pacific.

a. During past week, media devoted extensive coverage to air-sea search for over 200 crewmen of six bonito fishing boats reported missing near Mariana Islands after Typhoon Carmen. Planes and ships of JMSDF, Maritime Safety Agency, and U.S. Navy conducted coordinated searches, but found no trace of boats or fishermen. Only reported survivors to date are two men rescued October 8 by another fishing boat. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Publicity concerning tragedy has caused flurry of intra-GOJ fault-finding, self-recrimination, public apologies and grandiose proposals to prevent future maritime tragedies, giving rise to strong demands for improved typhoon warning system. GOJ expressed appreciation to Embassy for U.S. cooperation in search. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. No Japanese Defense Attache Planned for Seoul.

a. JDA has requested Defense Attache be included in staffing plans for Seoul Embassy which Foreign Ministry preparing to submit to current Diet session. According to press, Foreign Ministry has shelved request for time being. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Shelving JDA request undoubtedly based on Foreign

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Ministry's desire to offer no unnecessary ammunition to opponents of treaty ratification, who claim treaty will lead to military alliance. Assuming treaty will be ratified, there are indications Defense Attache position will not be established before 1968. (Confidential)

8. USFJ/SDF Plan Joint Maneuvers.

a. Joint maneuvers designed to test SDF/JSAF air defense capability and involving the three Japanese services, USAF, and approximately 500 aircraft will be held during October. Drill will last one week. JASDF Chief of Staff, URA, will assume command of entire operation. (UNCLASSIFIED)


b. Comment: Though drill held annually, general military situation in the Far East and increased public uneasiness about military matters make this year's exercise more subject to public discussion than in past. (UNCLASSIFIED)

9. USAF C/S McConnell Visit

a. During October 11-12 visit to Tokyo, USAF C/S General J. P. McConnell called on Lower House Speaker Naka FUNADA and JASDF Chief of Staff General URA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: This is General McConnell's first visit to Far East since he assumed Chief of Staff position in February. There is especially close relationship between General McConnell and General Ura resulting primarily from General Ura's visit to the United States early this year at USAF Chief of Staff invitation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Diet Debates ROK Treaty

a. ROK Treaty making slow but steady progress through Diet ratification process in face of calculated delaying tactics of JSP-led opposition. After final interpellations on last week's Government policy speeches (Week 41, Item 2), focus of debate in Diet shifted October 18 to question of special committee to deliberate treaty package. GOJ agreed to establishment of 50-member committee as demanded by opposition and nominations for committee membership --

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31 from LDP, 16 from JSP, and 3 from DSP -- completed by October 20, but dispute over party representation in 9-man executive board of special committee stalled formal installation of committee until evening October 21. Stage now set for beginning of actual committee deliberations next week, although further delays over procedural matters must be expected.

b. Substantive debate on treaty package began October 21 as FonMin SHIINA, Agriculture-Forestry Min SAKATA, and Justice Min ISHII explained Government views on treaty at plenary session of Diet. PriMin SATO replied to interpellations by Socialist Isei IDE, both repeating familiar positions of Government and opposition. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Opposition stalling tactics in Diet have produced delays but no real setbacks thus far, and at present stage nothing is in sight to endanger ratification of treaty during this session. Extra-parliamentary demonstrations to date have failed notably to arouse enthusiasm and support. Press has probably played restraining role with negative attitude toward extra-parliamentary pressure tactics. Yomiuri poll October 17 indicates large segment of public supports or is disposed to accept treaty with only small minority actively opposed. (See Item 6 below) (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Zentei Chairman Attacks Plan for "Joint Struggle" With JCP

a. In statement made October 19 on return from trip to Europe and USSR Fumihiko TAKARAGI, Chairman of powerful Sohyo Postal Workers' Union (Zentei) said his union would not participate in JSP/Sohyo plans to hold joint demonstrations with JCP in November against Japan-ROK Treaty. (WEEKA 40, Item 9). Zentei Executive Board meeting October 27 is expected to confirm Takaragi statement, which asserts joint struggle with JCP is perversion of purpose of one-day "coordinated but separate" formula which was to create broad appeal for election of JSP government in 1970 and to develop JSP/Sohyo ability to mobilize own demonstrations. He warned that cooperation with JCP might affect Sohyo relations with JSP and with Churitsuroren.

b. On same day, Sohyo, JSP and Churitsuroren delegates decided to hold joint demonstration with JCP against treaty/IN ^{November 9} Tokyo with target of 100,000 demonstrators. Two Churitsuroren unions, Electrical Equipment Workers (Denki Roren) (Weeka 41, Para 3) and Japan Travel Bureau Union, have declined to participate in JSP-Sohyo anti-treaty demonstrations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Abstention by Zentei (membership 237,000) will affect Sohyo ability to mobilize people for joint demonstrations with JCP and may encourage opposition by other Sohyo unions who are critical of cooperation with JCP. Denki Roren, however, has not hitherto taken active part in

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Sohyo political demonstrations; hence, its defection does not directly affect Sohyo's current mobilization capacity. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Public Workers' Strike Collapses

a. Progressively increasing defections of local unions undercut Sohyo Public Workers' Joint Struggle Council plans for half-day strike on October 22 to protest GOJ decision to implement National Personnel Authority (NPA) wage recommendation (Week 33, Para 4) retroactively only to September 1. Crucial factor was cancellation of strike action by key Teachers Union (Nikkyoso), in early hours of October 22. Council issued statement authorizing individual unions and locals to downgrade protest action to forms other than strike. Resulting token demonstrations, chiefly by Local Public Workers Unions (Jichiro), not expected to cause significant inconvenience to public.

b. GOJ decision on NPA recommendation, made on October 21 by PriMin SATO, followed several days of feverish negotiation among GOJ, LDP, JSP and Sohyo leaders to avoid strike, which had been strongly criticized in mass media. Union decision to call off strike, however, not brought about by these negotiations. Cancellation was ordered when unified strike action became impossible. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Feeling in unions is that best possible concession was obtained from GOJ in light of effect of business recession on Government revenue, and that illegal strike activity, which would invite inevitable and costly disciplinary action, not likely to result in further concessions from GOJ or win public sympathy. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Consultative Committee on Okinawa Meets

a. At October 20 Japan-U.S. Consultative Committee Meeting GOJ proposed JFY 1966 aid program for Okinawa totaling \$16.1 million. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Japanese proposal, roughly same total as \$15.8 million proposed by U.S., contained several additional programs and some slight modifications of programs included in U.S. proposal. Negotiations prior to ConCom meeting resulted in GOJ concurrence in U.S. request for GOJ contribution to retirement annuity and medical insurance programs, and U.S. concurrence in GOJ proposal to contribute funds equivalent to one-half of salary costs for teachers in compulsory public school grades. Aid proposals now go to Technical Committee in Okinawa for further study. Target date for final agreement by ConCom is end of October. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. IEC Meeting Ends Without North Koreans

a. Vice-FonMin SHIMODA October 18 visited Chairman Radulet

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(Rumania) of International Electrotechnical Commission Meeting in Tokyo to confirm GOJ decision not to issue visas to North Korean delegates to IEC meeting (Weeka No. 41, Item 5). IEC technical committees have continued business, and remaining question was whether executive council scheduled October 22 would meet to ratify decisions of technical committees and attend to other administrative matters before adjourning until next year. Majority of delegations desired to sidestep meeting in order avoid acrimonious debates, claiming that meeting's business could be carried on by mail. Minority group, including U.S. delegation, desired meeting continue as usual. Chairman announced October 21 that meeting would be "omitted." Press noted decision, made as result of political issue, was unprecedented. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

b. Comment: Organization is nongovernmental and most delegates anxious avoid political debate. Japanese left wing, now attacking Government on Korean treaty issue, can be expected utilize incident in Diet debates in effort to embarrass GOJ. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

PSYCHOLOGICAL6. Opinion Poll on Japan-ROK Treaty

a. In attempt to gauge public opinion on ratification of Japan-ROK treaty, Yomiuri newspaper included series of questions on issue in annual polls conducted October 2-4 on nationwide sample of 3,000. 2,555 respondents were actually interviewed. Responses to key question, "Are you in favor of this treaty or opposed to it?" were as follows:

In favor	31%
Unavoidable	14
Opposed	12
Don't know; or	
no answer	43
	<u>100%</u>

(UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Key question followed series of questions containing multiple violations of accepted polling practices, including use of leading questions and loaded words slanted against ratification. Therefore, average respondent may have been somewhat influenced by questioning that preceded key question. Nevertheless, Yomiuri's report of poll stressed that apparently 45% of Japanese public (total of "in favor" and "unavoidable") are basically for treaty, while only 12% are definitely opposed.

c. Subsequent question, asked of all but those "in favor" above, queried respondents on their feelings about view that treaty should await reunification of Korea. This suggestion appealed to only 14% overall, with predictable range of differences according to political-party preference:

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high of 35% for JCP supporters and low of 10% among LDP supporters.
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MILITARY7. Anti-demonstration Exercises by GSDF

a. During October 16 Diet interpellations PriMin Sato was asked by JCP Diet member about reported participation of GSDF units in "clandestine counter-demonstration drills." Sato did not bother to reply but JDA spokesman later said that counter-demonstration drills had been held. Stated purpose was to train personnel for response to emergency calls for public safety operations; newspapers quoted JDA official as saying they were not specifically aimed at ROK-Japan treaty demonstrations. (CONFIDENTIAL)

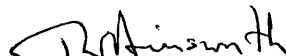
b. Comment: Defense officials admit privately, however, that practice drills are preparation for providing back-up support for police if required to control anti-treaty demonstrations. Left will probably try to embarrass GOJ by expanding publicity on drills. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. SDF Participation in UN Missions (WEEKA 39, Item 7)

a. On October 16, during Diet interpellations on government policy, PriMin Sato stated categorically that Self-Defense Forces would not be sent on overseas missions, even if requested by UN. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: This appeared to be step back from recent GOJ announcements that participation by SDF in UN peace-keeping missions short of actual combat would not be unconstitutional. However, GOJ is doing everything avoid delaying ROK treaty passage, and Sato's statement was obviously designed to quiet opposition in this context. Highly placed GSDF official confirms that future SDF participation in UN peace-keeping missions has not been ruled out. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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5. Soviet Space Couple Visits Japan
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POLITICAL

1. Substantive Debate on ROK Treaty Begins

a. Special Diet Lower House committee October 26 finally moved into substantive deliberation on ROK Treaty package, as LDP committee chairman and majority, with DSP support, adopted motion to start debate and to hold daily sessions over strong protests of JSP committee members. Action followed meetings of Cabinet, LDP Executive Board, and top LDP leadership group, all of whom reportedly agreed that sentiment within LDP made it necessary to stop further dilly-dallying with Socialist delaying tactics and get down to business.

- b. First day session of committee got off to sticky start

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as Socialist members tried physically to obstruct business by surrounding chairman's chair and shouting furiously while former FonMin Zentaro KOSAKA, as interpellator for LDP, began questioning PriMin SATO. Kosaka and Sato forced to proceed by reading questions and answers (prepared in advance) in accordance with hand signals to each other, since Socialists made so much noise that neither could be heard. Toward end of meeting, Socialists calmed down and appeared to have accepted inevitability of proceeding with deliberations.

c. Committee meeting October 27 proceeded without incident as Kosaka finished LDP interpellations and Shichiro MATSUMOTO began questioning for JSP. October 28 meetings, however, disrupted by Socialist uproar over "unsatisfactory" answers given by Sato and FonMin SHIINA to questions concerning Japan's relations with Peiping and Pyongyang, the "Yoshida letter" on mainland China trade, the possibility of Korean unification, and Japanese economic aid to South Korea. (UNCLASSIFIED)

d. Comment: Disorder attending opening session of special committee received extensive coverage on national television, and redounded to disadvantage of JSP. Editorial comment October 27 was uniformly critical of Socialist conduct. Most observers appear to feel that GOJ/LDP decision to push ahead with debate was well timed. Socialists appeared reluctant to press physical obstruction tactics too far, perhaps in belief it too early in session to play this card. Role of DSP in voting with LDP against further delay was probably important influence on Socialist behaviour. As interpellations have proceeded, however, GOJ has shown signs of inadequate homework on treaty. Inept fielding of Socialist questions thus far has somewhat detracted from GOJ/LDP early advantage in terms press boxscore. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. TAKARAGI Eats His Words

a. In a reversal of last week's statement (WEEKA 42, Item 2), Postal Workers' Union (Zentei) Chairman TAKARAGI told Executive Board on October 27 that Zentei would follow Sohyo-JSP policy in opposing the Japan-ROK Treaty. He said Sohyo Secretary General IWAI had assured him demonstrations would be held within one-day "coordinated but separate" formula and that no special organization for cooperation with JCP would be set up. Takaragi said Zentei would make exception in case of Japan-ROK Treaty but would continue to seek understanding within Sohyo of its basic policy of opposition to joint struggles with JCP. Executive Board approved Takaragi's new position. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: About-face by Takaragi probably brought about by pressure to preserve Sohyo unity. Effect of Zentei stand is to put all Sohyo unions behind JSP efforts to cooperate with JCP in opposing Treaty. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYO3. Japan Attends AA FonMin Conference

a. On October 26 GOJ dispatched Ambassador to Turkey MIYAZAKI and FonOff Africa and Mid-East Bureau Director CHIKARAISHI to join Ambassador to Algeria KONO at Algiers A-A FonMin Conference scheduled open October 28. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: GOJ would be happy if FonMin meeting decided postpone Chiefs of State meeting scheduled November 5, since it sees nothing constructive resulting from such meeting. However, Japan will take no initiative to postpone meeting. If meeting is held, Ambassador to France HAGIWARA will probably be Japanese representative. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL4. Jiji News Agency Poll Finds Strong Support for Japan-ROK Treaty

a. Results of special Jiji opinion poll, conducted October 19-22 show large majority of Japanese public/^{favours} establishment of friendly relations with ROK. 64% of respondents consider normalization "a good thing" or "absolutely necessary," while only 8% said either that it is "not necessary" or that they are "absolutely opposed."

b. In response to specific question re Diet ratification of treaty package, 30% were in favor in September poll and 41% in favor in latest poll -- 11% rise in single month. Opposition both polls was 11-12%, with balance answering "don't know."

c. Slightly more than half of respondents favored regular Diet deliberations on treaty, while only 2% backed all-out effort to block ratification. However, 20% sanctioned "mass actions outside Diet against ratification," with 42% opposing such actions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

d. Comment: Wording of questions in Jiji poll tended to suggest approval of treaty, while wording in Yomiuri poll, conducted almost three weeks earlier (WEEKA 42, Item 6), was somewhat negative. This would partly explain higher pro-treaty sentiment found by Jiji. September-October rise in opinion favoring treaty as measured in two polls suggests that opposition arguments may not be having significant impact. (UNCLASSIFIED)

5. Soviet Space Couple Visits Japan

a. Soviet astronauts Col. Andrian Nikolayev and his wife, former Valentina Tereshkova, arrived in Japan October 26 on Japan Socialist Party invitation. All media prominently featured arrival, and couple appeared

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on several special TV shows October 27, including live 90-minute round-table program during prime evening hour on station which serves big Tokyo-area audience. PriMin Sato and FonMin Shiina received two astronauts for courtesy calls October 28. Couple is extensively scheduled for other goodwill activities during remainder of 26-day visit.

b. Visit coincides with large-scale Soviet space exhibit which opened September 14 in Tokyo for two-month run under joint sponsorship of Mainichi Newspaper and Japan Foundation for Advancement of Science and Technology.

c. Press columns have played up "human warmth" of two astronauts and their emphasis on peaceful development of space science. Tereshkova's speeches have carried strong anti-war theme based on her wartime experiences, and she has several times stressed that "tragedy of Hiroshima must not be repeated."

d. With visit attracting renewed attention to Soviet space exhibit, Mainichi on October 28 announced nationwide school children's essay contest on "Impressions of Soviet Space Exhibit." (UNCLASSIFIED)

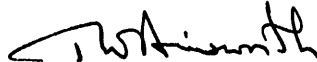
e. Comment: Visit coincided with aborted Gemini 6 project. This, together with emphasis on Tereshkova as world's only woman astronaut and on both astronauts as world's only "space couple," has undoubtedly furthered Soviet efforts here to claim superiority over U.S. in space achievements. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY6. Philippine Navy Ship Pays First Postwar Visit to Japan

a. Philippine navy ship RIZAL arrived in Yokosuka October 25 from U.S. on first postwar call. RIZAL is ex-U.S. minesweeper transferred to Philippines under MAP. RIZAL moved to Yokohama on October 27 for three day visit. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Visit is receiving good media coverage with usual round of protocol visits and receptions for officers and crew. Japanese MSDF officials have made every effort make visit as smooth as possible, looking ahead to 1966 visit by Japan Training Squadron to Manila. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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3. GOJ Considers Aid for Indonesia
4. Okinawa Aid Program
5. SDF Holds 15th Anniversary Parade
6. JMSDF Conducts Naval Review in Osaka

POLITICAL1. ROK Treaty Nears Diet Showdown

a. Lower House Special Committee on Japan-ROK Treaty package resumed deliberations November 4 after boisterous Socialist protests against LDP passage of motion to invite outside "experts" to testify before committee broke up session on November 1. Socialists agreed to continuation of business only when LDP acceded to opposition demand that committee would also hold formal "public hearing" session on treaty. November 4 session devoted largely to hearing pro-treaty arguments by three LDP-sponsored expert witnesses. Socialists took up offensive again on following day with questions by Masashi ISHIBASHI.

b. As scheduled interpellations neared end, indications

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mounted that LDP might try to bring committee discussions to close by end of this week by forcing final committee vote. Socialists, protesting loudly in advance against expected LDP move, threaten to use every possible means to block all further Diet action. With climax of Diet debate at hand, JSP/Sohyo have advanced schedule of extra-parliamentary activities and plan to launch daily demonstrations against Treaty beginning November 6 in cooperation with JCP and affiliated groups. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Both LDP and opposition are publicizing uncompromising attitudes. Although most observers agree that current opposition to treaty is too weak to block ultimate passage, possibility exists that considerable turmoil will result from LDP efforts to push ratification through Lower House on schedule (before November 13) and that Diet extension may be necessary if GOJ fails to keep initiative in Diet debate and in parliamentary maneuvering. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Sohyo Boycotts First Meeting of Civil Service Council

a. Sohyo representatives boycotted November 1 inaugural meeting of Council to Deliberate Civil Service System (WEEKA 39, Item 5) because of failure on same day of Nikkyoso and Education Minister to agree on regular collective bargaining meetings. PriMin SATO charged Council with task of deliberating controversial items in suspended amendments to domestic laws related to ILO Convention 87 (WEEKA 20, Item 4) and dealing with problem of basic rights of public service workers. NHK President Yoshinori MAEDA was formally elected chairman, but no other business was conducted.

b. Sohyo is taking public position that it will not attend Council meetings until Nikkyoso demands concerning central bargaining are met. Media opinion generally critical of Sohyo behaviour which is described as increasing distrust between labor and Government. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: None

3. GOJ Considers Aid for Indonesia

a. Japanese Ambassador to Indonesia Shizuo SAITO returned October 28 for week of consultations. In interviews with press he emphasized desirability of GOJ response to possible Indo requests for aid, referring specifically to expected rice shortage early 1966. Press has reported that Indo military authorities have made informal requests to GOJ for food, clothing and vehicles, and that FonOff considers this good opportunity for Japan to act swiftly to strengthen ties with Indonesia now that ChiCom influence has been hurt by action against PKI. FonOff thinking in terms of assistance in form long-term loans, and has informed us confidentially it hopes result of Japanese aid will be strengthening of generals' role in Indonesia. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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b. Comment: GOJ sees Indo September 30 coup attempt as providing opportunity play valuable role to strengthen Free World position in Asia, though assuming Indo orientation will be inclined toward left for some time to come. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Okinawa Aid Program

a. Japan-U.S. Consultative Committee, at meeting November 2, agreed on GOJ aid program for Okinawa totaling \$16.1 million for JFY 1966. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Planning process for GOJ aid was expedited this year so that details of program could be publicized prior to Okinawan legislature elections November 14. Timeliness of action, plus fact that aid level is about double that of last year, should assist government party (DP) candidates.

c. Press reporting on success of Consultative Committee in Tokyo and Technical Committee in Okinawa in evolving aid program sharpened public image of U.S.-Japan cooperation concerning Okinawa. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. SDF Holds 15th Anniversary Parade

a. SDF celebrated its 15th anniversary October 31 in Tokyo with parade in which 5,700 members of Ground, Maritime, and Air services participated, along with 44 tanks and 280 military vehicles. Parade included first public display of SDF's Hawk missile. Prime Minister Sato spoke to troops and emphasized that Japan's safety and peace depend on her defense structure. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: While over 10,000 braved rainy weather to watch the parade, newspaper coverage was slight. Parade was faultlessly executed, although weather forced cancellation of scheduled fly-over of jet fighters. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. JMSDF Conducts Naval Review in Osaka

a. JMSDF conducted annual naval review November 2 in Osaka Bay. This largest postwar review consisted of 53 ships and numerous fleet aircraft and lasted over three hours. JDA DirGen MATSUNO received fleet salute and delivered address from flagship AMATSUKAZE. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Review was well executed and indicated high degree professional competence, with JMSDF ships and personnel presenting usual smart appearance. Despite cost of review, JMSDF considers review

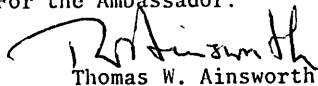
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invaluable for relations with public and Diet. Yearly increases in spectators and in TV coverage indicate JMSDF achieving desired results.
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2. Australian Deputy Prime Minister Visit
3. Nikkyoso and Edmin Agree on Meetings
4. Asahi Foreign News Chief Explains U.S. Policy

POLITICAL:

1. ROK-Japan Treaty Passes Lower House

a. At 12:19 a.m. November 12, 2 minutes after Diet Lower House convened for third all-night plenary session, LDP majority rammed through approval ROK-Japan treaty bills by standing vote and thus assured automatic Diet ratification of treaty this session. Identical blitz passage of Treaty package in Lower House Special Committee November 6 led to frenzied JSP efforts to delay vote on bills in plenary session which was convened on November 9. JSP tactics centered on series of non-confidence motions against Cabinet members and others identified with treaty and included slow-motion casting of ballots, refusal to adhere to time limits on speeches, and attempts physically to obstruct Diet business. These tactics succeeded in forcing Diet to remain in virtually continuous session around the clock for two days and nights until morning of November 11 when session recessed for 13 hours. During recess LDP, JSP, and

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DSP SecGens and Diet Policy Chairmen met with Speaker FUNADA who attempted to break impasse by mutual agreement. Failing in this, Funada reconvened post-midnight session which saw forced passage of treaty bills.

b. Predictable reaction of Socialists to blitz was bitter denunciation of LDP majority for "trampling on democratic processes" and threat to force dissolution of Diet. DSP, which had decided to support treaty, denounced LDP action as a "harmful blow to parliamentarianism" and deplored lack of adequate debate. ^{Kobei to} spokesman echoed DSP views. Press, which had become increasingly critical of parliamentary behaviour of Socialists during week, tended to adopt position that fault lay with both parties.

c. Passage of bills will probably take good deal of steam out of anti-treaty rallies and demonstrations scheduled for today and November 13 despite heightened emotional tension generated by LDP Diet action. Series of daily demonstrations staged by JSP/Sohyo and Communists since November 6 generally did not measure up to reported expectations of sponsors. Highly publicized effort, described by police as largest to date against ROK Treaty, drew nationwide total of 232,000 in rallies held at 329 sites in 41 prefectures. Tokyo rallies held one during day and one at night mustered 14,000 and 60,000 persons respectively. Some violence resulting in about 50 arrests were reported, but observers have noted striking lack of enthusiasm in demonstrations. Sohyo announced November 11 its determination to carry out scheduled anti-treaty protest strikes, involving 30 unions including Railway Workers and Postal Service unions, for November 13, but in face of Diet fait accompli planned brief work stoppages and slowdowns unlikely to pack much punch. (UNCLASSIFIED)

d. Comment: Stormy passage of treaty can be expected to heighten tensions between ruling and opposition parties in Diet. While partisan floor tactics used by both sides not new in Japanese Diet, neither LDP or JSP enhanced its public prestige in this encounter. Media commentary now focussed on issue of proper parliamentary behaviour rather than on merits of Treaty. (UNCLASSIFIED)

2. Australian Deputy Prime Minister Visit

a. Deputy Prime Minister John McEwen visited Japan Nov. 7-12 enroute to Australia from Geneva. He met with PriMin Sato and other principal government and business leaders, participated in representational activities, and visited Kyoto. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: McEwen's visit was oriented mainly toward advancing economic ties and expanding relations between Australia and Japan generally, and appears to have been reasonably successful. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYO3. Nikkyoso and EdMin Agree on Meetings

a. EdMin NAKAMURA at meeting November 6 with Teachers Union (Nikkyoso) leaders, proposed to initiate meetings with Nikkyoso "several times a year." Nikkyoso accepted proposal as satisfying its demand for schedule of regular talks with EdMin (WEEKA 44, Item 2). EdMin used occasion to repeat request that Nikkyoso abandon political activity and ideology. Nikkyoso took position that it will heed EdMin's request if it is not put forth as a demand of prerequisite to the agreed talks, and restated its suggestions for improving working conditions of teachers.

b. Agreement interpreted by press and other observers to mean Sohyo representatives will attend next meeting of Council to Deliberate Civil Service System tentatively scheduled for November 18. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Despite agreement to meet, EdMin and Nikkyoso are far apart on many problems, and solutions not likely to come quickly. However, agreement comes in time for both GOJ and Japanese labor representatives to say at November ILO Geneva meeting, which will formally accept Dreyer Commission report (WEEKA 39, Item 5), that they are both exerting efforts to better labor-management relations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL4. Asahi Foreign News Chief Explains U.S. Policy

a. Asahi Foreign News Chief Shoryu HATA, who visited Hanoi in October, returned November 8 from 3-week visit to U.S., during which he filed series of dispatches defining U.S. policies, public opinion and thinking of U.S. leaders. Hata's interviews with Secretary Rusk and Vice President Humphrey and his survey report of U.S. opinion trends on Viet-Nam and Asia were given unprecedentedly prominent play by Asahi.

b. Also, while all other papers were featuring latest news on Japan-ROK treaty on November 11, Asahi carried as lead story Hata's feature article wrapping up his findings on U.S. Asian policy. Effect of this thoughtful, well-written report was to spike several major misconceptions of U. S. policy and thinking on part of Japanese intellectuals and media writers. At same time, Hata found important points to criticize.

c. Hata's main conclusions:

(1) U.S.-China relations: U.S. lacks definite China policy and is merely awaiting emergence of new generation of Chicoms leaders. Peiping likewise lacks substantive policy toward U.S. Both sides are assiduously avoiding war with each other, but mutual lack of policy is one of causes of Viet-Nam's tragedy. Many Americans feel containment policy has

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failed and think Japan's expansion of trade and other contacts with ComChina cannot be opposed, unhappy though it may make U.S.

(2) Vietnam: While there is less pessimism in Washington about Vietnam, optimism is not dominant either. American opinion on Vietnam is gradually stiffening; and if peaceful solution is not reached by next spring, when U.S. election campaigns start, future of Vietnam problem will be dark. (In private conversation with USIS-Tokyo officer Hata explained he is worried that this trend in U.S. opinion may ultimately make President Johnson give up stand for unconditional negotiations which he has doggedly held so far.) However, Vietnam solution requires prior adjustment in U.S.-Peiping relations. War is continuing in Vietnam partly because of entangled interests and "great-power obstinacy" of U.S., China and Soviet Union. Also, U.S. complicates Vietnam situation and makes solution more difficult because it sees Peiping looming ominously behind all anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist and peace movements in Asia.

(3) U.S.-Japan Relations: Continued belief of Americans in domino theory and criticism from Japanese at same time Japan's security is being guaranteed by U.S. are causes of widespread American dissatisfaction with Japanese attitudes on Vietnam.

(4) U.S. Opinion Leaders: Hata article declared flatly that such advocates of neo-isolationism and retrenched defense lines as Walter Lippman have almost no influence on U.S. policy or public opinion. This is first open debunking of Lippman line in Japanese news media. (Lippman is syndicated by Yomiuri, not Asahi.)

d. While Hata, publicly and privately, takes stand against bombing DRV, he stated in private conversation that main obstacle to Hanoi's agreeing to negotiations is not bombing but ComChina. He also feels strongly that improvement of Japan-U.S. relations can best be accomplished by "frank, free and friendly" face-to-face discussions between American and Japanese leaders from all circles. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

c. Comment: None

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b. In Upper House LDP, with DSP only other party present, on November 13 adopted motion to consider ROK Treaty package in special committee of that House rather than by separate standing committees as Socialists desired. This threw Upper House also into several days of paralysis. President Shigemune met representatives of LDP, JSP, Komeito and (separately, at JSP insistence) DSP to seek agreement on resumption of orderly proceedings. Socialists refused to agree formally, but Shigemune convened plenary session of Upper House on own authority November 19 with view to formal introduction of Treaty package and start of committee deliberations November 22.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comments: LDP and most political observers expressed confidence Lower House Socialists would come around by time supplementary budget is introduced, expected November 24 or 25. Budget includes provision for funding government worker pay increase (WEEK 33), which is matter of major interest to Sohyo and consequently to JSP. Opposition chances of increasing public interest in treaty issue at this stage, let alone realizing demands for dissolving Lower House and overthrowing Sato cabinet, appear negligible.
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2. Komeito Observes First Anniversary

a. Soka Gakkai political party Komeito observed first anniversary of founding with second national convention November 17. Focus of convention was on party's expectation of securing representation in Lower House in general election, which popularly predicted for late 1966, and on open declaration of determined opposition to adoption of single seat electoral districts for Lower House. Leading party officials were reelected by acclamation, but party policy was left in existing state of high-sounding vagueness.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Possibility that LDP might seek adoption of single seat electoral system for Lower House has come in for considerable discussion in press. Electoral system study commission is now expected to present final report during spring of 1966, and reform of electoral system would have many attractions from LDP standpoint. Komeito leaders have previously told Embassy that they would regard adoption of single seat system as deliberate effort to load dice against Komeito, and would oppose such measure by public demonstrations if necessary. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Reaction to UN Chirep Vote

a. FonOff expressed surprise and disappointment at fact that "important question" resolution received only seven-vote majority in UN; it not surprised, however, at close vote on Chirep. Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO said Chirep remains important issue in UN, and FonOff noted majority in UN supported GOJ position on important question. Press said FonOff

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interpreted large number abstentions as tacit opposition to Peking, believed it unlikely Peking would soon be seated with "blessings" of majority of members, and felt that greater attention should be paid to securing Taiwan's seat in UN. Press called vote indication that world coming closer to view that Peking should be seated regardless of its ideology and urged GOJ to study whole problem very carefully. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Since much of GOJ's domestic public justification for its continued recognition of GRC rests on GRC position in UN, GOJ greatly concerned over developments on this issue in UN. "One China, One Taiwan" sentiment is strong in Japan and is certain to be carefully considered during GOJ consideration of Chirep in next GA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Korean Treaty Ratification Exchange

a. GOJ November 15 discussed timetable for exchange ratification documents in Seoul and naming Japanese Ambassador. Exchange reportedly will take place about December 20. FonMin SHIINA expected head official delegation, which will be accompanied by goodwill mission to include about ten Diet members. Yujiro ISEKI, present Ambassador to Netherlands and former Asian Bureau Director, was named in press as a leading candidate for ambassador. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: ~~Koreans~~ had hoped prominent civilian might get post, but GOJ seldom appoints non-career ambassadors. Local political sources say Koreans have expressed some degree of opposition to Iseki. Other possible candidates reportedly include Koichiro ASAKA, former ambassador to U.S. and Shintaro FUKUSHIMA, Japan Times publisher and former ambassador at UN. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Vietnamese Buddhists Visit Japan

a. Thich Tam Chau and five other Buddhists from South Vietnam visited Japan November 11-18 at invitation of Japanese Afro-Asian Council. Group visited prominent Buddhist leaders in Tokyo and Kyoto and called on PriMin SATO, FonMin SHIINA, and number of prominent LDP leaders. Communique issued jointly by Tam Chau and Shinko Kishi, President, All-Japan Buddhist Association, and Tokumei Matsumoto, Chairman of Japan National Committee of Afro-Asian Council, called for establishment of a World Buddhist Church and expressed concern over present world tension. Press coverage has been light. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Invitation for visit was sent several months ago, but hosts got word of group's arrival only few hours beforehand, with result that program was spur of moment and planning of publicity difficult. Visit has served to expose Japanese Buddhists to prominent Vietnamese Buddhist leaders, although anti-Communist theme not given very prominent play in public coverage. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYO6. Malagasy President Visits Japan

a. Malagasy President Tsiranana started week's state visit November 15. Feted by Emperor and PriMin Sato, Tsiranana's main purpose to interest Japanese government and business firms in providing economic assistance and buying more from Malagasy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None

7. Okinawan Elections

a. In general election held in Okinawa November 14, conservative Liberal Democratic Party won 19 seats in 32-seat legislature, Social Masses Party 7, Okinawa Socialist Party 2, Peoples Party 1 and independents 3. Conservatives increased strength by one seat and opposition by two (three seats had been added), leaving relative strengths about same as before.

b. Japanese editorials commenting on election generally agreed that majority favored moderate approach to reversion and supported popular election of Chief Executive, that all Okinawans want reversion which at present time is unrealistic, and that immediate efforts should be directed toward promoting living standards.

c. JCP and "Central Committee for Abolition of US-Japan Security Treaty" delegations visited Embassy, after election results announced, to protest Ryukyuan election committee's action in disqualifying ineligible candidates; JCP protest named only Okinawa People's Party candidate SENAGA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

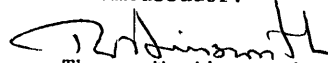
d. Comment: None

8. Maritime Strike Threat

a. With collective bargaining ruptured between the All Japan Seamen's Union (AJSU) and oceangoing shipowners on November 10, and between AJSU and coastwise shipowners on November 12 because of strong demands on both sides, strike call by AJSU effective before end of November appears inevitable. Management reportedly expects strike will last at least 10 days. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: (Ref. EmbTel 1815) While Government cannot take legal steps to avert such strike, Transportation Minister is exerting efforts to prevent walkout. On November 13 he met representatives of labor and management separately and is prepared to do so again. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL1. Upper House Starts Treaty Debate

a. House of Councillors Special Committee November 23 opened hearings on ROK Treaty package. JSP members, given first chance at questioning after government presentation, began by attacking handling of Treaty in Lower House but made no dent on GOJ/LDP position that Lower House approval legal and valid. On procedural points LDP conceded to Socialists to extent of agreeing to Socialists demand for holding public hearings in Osaka and Fukuoka November 29. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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b. Comment: Upper House Socialist members reportedly succeeded in convincing JSP leadership that extension to Upper House, as JSP Central Executive Committee at one stage directed, of boycott tactics currently applied in Lower House (Item 2) would only play into hands of LDP. LDP, with assurance that Treaty package ratification will automatically become effective even if Upper House fails to act, appears willing to concede non-substantive points to opposition in hope of contributing to normalization of relations in Lower House, and in addition desires to convince public that it eager for full debate on Treaty if Socialists willing. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. Socialists Paralyze Lower House

a. In House of Representatives JSP proved more stubborn than LDP had predicted, in spite of LDP overtures toward resuming normal business and preparations to introduce supplementary budget (WEEK 46, Item 1). Socialists, continuing to demand resignation of Lower House speaker and vice-speaker for their part in blitz passage of ROK Treaty package, refused all formal inter-party negotiation and discussion proposals which LDP put forth during week. JSP members were physically present at November 25 meeting of Steering Committee, but insisted they were only "observers." (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Observers now predict Lower House may be convened on Speaker's authority, even in absence of agreement with Socialists, early next week, to take up budget and other pending bills. There is increasing speculation in political circles that special session may yet be extended to deal with business other than ROK Treaty. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Sato Replies to JSP Foreign Policy Grilling

a. In House of Councillors Special Committee hearings November 25 on ROK Treaty package, Prime Minister Sato made following points (according press versions) in answering JSP questions on current foreign policy lines:

i. --Recent Chicom attitudes amount to denial of peaceful coexistence, and Chicom nuclearization compounded the threat to Japan; Japan in these circumstances could not afford to relax defense efforts or change basic policy of not recognizing Chicoms;

ii. --USSR now apparently committed to peaceful coexistence;

iii. --Japan's proper course lies in strengthening free world; Japan's role is promotion of peace in Asia through economic cooperation and technical aid; agreements with ROK, economic aid in Southeast Asia, Asia Development Bank, and technical assistance programs were all part of this; agreements with ROK do not have military implications.

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iv. -- Although Japan has made clear that it will not permit introduction of nuclear weapons, it would serve no useful purpose for Japan (as JSP demands) unilaterally to renounce nuclear armament, in absence international agreement on subject. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: JSP's questions themselves provided disjointed and frequently unrealistic framework for foreign policy statements, but Sato replies added up to reaffirmation of free world alignment. Firm line on Chicom issue of interest; few Japanese political leaders have shown themselves this willing to call a spade a spade when it had "Made in Peking" stamped on it. (CONFIDENTIAL).

4. Malagasi President Ends Visit

a. President Tsiranana completed week's state visit November 23 and departed for Malagasy. Joint communique issued same date stressed Sato-Tsiranana agreement that mutual relations in political, economic, cultural and technical fields should be further strengthened. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. President Tsiranana's forthright criticisms of Peking policies, with emphasis on Chicom subversion in Africa, were reported by English-language press here; but no mention was made of them in limited news coverage of visit in vernacular press. However, "Political Circles Notebook" column in 11/18/65 Tokyo Shimbun quoted Tsiranana's statements and said they amazed PriMin Sato, who "seemed envious" of Malagasy's national unity. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: Visit achieved purpose of enhancing Japan-Malagasy friendly relations. Although economic matters were taken up only in general terms, reactions of both sides indicated reasonably good prospect for developing trade. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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5. Little Reaction to SSN Visit; None to News of Field Hospitals

a. Pre-arrival announcement and actual arrival of SSN "Sea Dragon" this week stirred up little interest in Japanese media, and comment has been almost nil. Likewise, 11/25 announcement that military field hospitals would be brought into U.S. bases here to handle Vietnam war casualties went almost unnoticed in vernacular media and has brought no comment to date. One Asahi column exhibited minor irritation over SSN port call, speaking of "uninvited guest;" and some papers frontpaged arrival story, with moderate-sized photo and textual stress on small size of protest demonstration that greeted "Sea Dragon" this time. JCP, JSP and few leftist "anti" groups sent protest delegations to Embassy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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b. Comment: Current heavy pre-occupation with Diet situation concerning Japan-ROK Treaty combined with non-realization of radioactive scare stories on SSNs help explain very tepid reaction to latest visit. Leftists have now cut back themes in their protests to claim that SSNs directly link Japan to Vietnam war and (in unspecified way) turn Japan into "nuclear base." This apparently persuades no one not already convinced. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Maritime Strike Called for November 26

a. On November 22 All Japan Seaman's Union announced 10 day strike beginning midnight, November 26 and affecting all ports in Japan (WEEKA 46, Item 8). To date union and shipowners have come to closer to agreement and strike is believed inevitable. Union reaction to shipowners' announcement of suspension of check-off system for union dues was to strike in six major ports (Tokyo, Yokohama, Kawasaki, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe) on November 23. Mass media fearful of effect of strike on "depressed" Japanese economy and critical of union demands. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None.

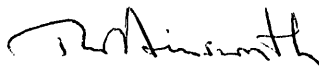
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7. JMSDF Ship Departs for Antarctic

a. Extensive media coverage devoted to November 20 departure ceremony JMSDF Antarctic observation ship FUJI carrying forty members of Seventh Scientific Observation Team, seven press reporters and crew of 182. FUJI will enter Antarctic icepack toward end December, commence establishment base facilities mid-January for eighteen member wintering-over group and return Tokyo April 8 via Capetown and Colombo. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Mission assigned to JMSDF-manned 7,760-ton icebreaker puts military into what has, during previous six Antarctic voyages, been strictly civilian/scientific venture. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL1. LDP Seeking End Treaty Debate

a. LDP leadership of Lower House Steering Committee decided December 1 to convene plenary session December 2 in effort to dispose of unfinished Diet business deadlocked since LDP majority passage of ROK treaty November 12 (Weeka 45, Item 1). After five-hour delay, plenary session met after 7:00 p. m. December 2, but was immediately adjourned until following morning. Socialists ended three-week boycott to attend plenary session, but only to resume obstructionist tactics.

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b. Debate on treaty continued in Upper House with DSP interpellators concluding their questions on December 2 and JSP expected to conduct further questioning on December 3. Although treaty automatically becomes law 30 days after Lower House passage even without Upper House vote, LDP leadership reportedly wants formal Upper House passage, including related domestic legislation, and is planning to bring treaty package to vote on December 6. (UNCLASSIFIED).

c. Comment: With opening of next regular Diet session set for December 20, GOJ is apparently seeking to dispose of ROK treaty issue as soon as possible and clear decks for early passage in regular session of supplementary budget and other business originally scheduled for current extraordinary Diet. (UNCLASSIFIED).

2. DSP 8th National Convention to Adopt New Policies

a. Three-day Democratic Socialist Party Convention opened in Tokyo December 2 with about 480 delegates in attendance to adopt new action program, administrative policies, and budget as well as to elect officers for 1966. In opening day speech, Party Chairman Suehiro NISHIO stressed theme of "independence and coexistence" as basis for Japan's foreign policy and outlined three major "tasks" facing DSP: 1) unify public opinion on foreign policy matters on basis of national interest, 2) promote creation of welfare state by overcoming current business recession and protecting people's living standards, and 3) defend parliamentary democracy in Japan by resolving current Diet crisis.

b. Highlight of convention expected to be contest between incumbent Eiichi NISHIMURA and challenger Diet Policy Committee Chairman Ikko KASUGA for post of Secretary General. Kasuga is leading advocate of change in DSP position toward U.S. bases in Japan from current line calling for gradual abolition of bases to new line urging immediate withdrawal of U.S. Forces from Japanese soil with provision for reentry "in case of emergency." Chairman NISHIO'S reelection will not be challenged. (UNCLASSIFIED).

c. Comment: DSP, shaken by declining electoral support in this year's Upper House elections, is seeking fresh identity as opposition party without abandoning its basic pro-West anti-Communist position. Move to more distinct "middle-of-road" position in foreign policy is result of pressure from DSP elements who are dissatisfied with present image of party which they claim is seen as echo and satellite of conservatives. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

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from TOKYO3. GRC Thanks GOJ for U.N. Vote

a. ChiEmb Political Counselor on instructions November 28 expressed appreciation to Fonoff for GOJ support of GRC on Chirep. Sec. Gen. of GRC President's Office, Chang Chun, called on Primin Sato December 1 to deliver personal message of thanks. According to press, Sato replied GOJ position at UN was traditional one and no special appreciation deserved. (UNCLASSIFIED).

b. Comment: None

4. Asian Parliamentarians Union Meets

a. First general convention of Asian Parliamentarians Union (APU) opened December 1 in Tokyo attended by delegates from eight countries: Japan, Nationalist China, ROK, India, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand. South Vietnam was represented by observers. Former Primin Kishi, in opening address, stressed importance of preventing expansion of ChiCom military power and said economic and technical cooperation among free Asian countries indispensable for Asian prosperity. Discussion topics included actions free governments should take concerning Vietnam, Chicom subversion, Chirep, improvement of UN, functions of Asian Development Bank, improvement of agriculture in tropics, etc. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: APU is result of personal interest of Kishi and other LDP right-of-center politicians in fostering contacts among Asian lawmakers to supplement government-to-government contacts and to strengthen conservative forces in Asian parliaments. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Seamen's Union Strikes Japanese Ports (Ref. Embtel 1958)

a. Maritime strike which started November 27 (WEEKA 47, Item 6), has involved hundreds of ships manned by Japan Seamen's Union in 52 Japanese ports. Strike, scheduled for 10 days, continues orderly as GOJ, union and management refrain from taking any positive, overt steps to settle underlying wage dispute. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Idea appears to be to permit pressure to mount, and thereby pave way to resumption fruitful negotiations. Observers expect key to settlement will be timing and nature of GOJ assurance to shipowners that they will receive financial assistance to help offset concessions to union's wage demands. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYOMILITARY6. JMSDF Submarine Launched in Kobe

a. JDA Vice DirGen Shigeo Imura launched 1,600-ton ASASHIO, largest postwar Japanese-constructed submarine, at Kobe November 27. (UNCLASSIFIED).

b. Comment: ASASHIO, seventh postwar submarine constructed for JMSDF, has eight torpedo tubes, 18-knot underwater cruising capability and 80-man crew. Submarine is scheduled for commissioning January 1967 and subsequent assignment to First Submarine Flotilla at Kure Submarine Base. (UNCLASSIFIED).

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POLITICAL1. Diet Imbroglio Continues

a. Relatively orderly handling of ROK Treaty legislation in House of Councillors came to end December 4 when Upper House Special Committee cut short debate and approved Treaty package by blitz action. As outraged opposition refused initiatives seeking normalization of proceedings, Upper House President Shigemune December 8, outwitting Socialist attempts physically to block action, opened plenary session on own authority. In course two days and nights of round-the-clock sittings, opposition resorted to marathon delaying tactics, submitting censure motions against Special Committee

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Chairman TERA0 and non-confidence motions against Shigemune and Councillors Vice President Kenzo KONO.

b. As of December 10, passage of implementing domestic legislation as well as ratification of Treaty and agreements appears certain before December 13 termination present session. Passage of supplementary budget, originally slated for current session, appears almost certain to be held over to next regular session, scheduled to open December 20. GOJ/LDP leaders have revealed disagreement on timetable and tactics for handling budget legislation. Finance Minister FUKUDA December 7 reportedly convinced Prime Minister SATO that budget bill must be passed at current special session even if session had to be extended, but LDP Secretary General Kakuei TANAKA two days later apparently got Sato to reverse decision on grounds modus vivendi with opposition must be reached. (UNCLASSIFIED)

c. Comment: (Ref. Embtels 2014, 2052) GOJ/LDP handling of supplementary budget bill complicated by general suspicion issue tied in with feud between Tanaka and Fukuda, two of principal rivals for eventual succession to Sato as Prime Minister. At present, press and public reaction to sorry Diet spectacle remains in "plague on both your houses" realm. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Democratic Socialists Hold Convention

a. Democratic Socialist Party ended 3-day national convention in Tokyo December 4 after adopting new action program and reelecting by acclamation all incumbent party officers and central executive committeemen, including Chairman Suehiro NISHIO. Expected highlight of convention - contest for Secretary-Generalship - failed to materialize as advocates of party harmony prevailed on challenger Deputy SecGen Ikko KASUGA to withdraw his candidacy. Action program stressed economic issues, especially need to prod GOJ into more positive recession countermeasures. Only significant new note was shift in DSP position on Security Treaty from advocacy of gradual reduction of U.S. bases to demand for revision of Treaty in 1970 to provide for use of bases only "in time of emergency." (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: While convention preserved usual facade of "harmony," behind scene differences between anti-mainstream "younger group" and Nishio leadership were more marked than ever. Party sources privately explained DSP's shift in foreign policy line toward revision of Security Pact in 1970 as effort to strengthen DSP image as conscientious opposition party and escape tag as mere shadow of conservatives. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. Lord Chalfont Arrives

a. British Disarmament Minister Lord Chalfont arrived December 7 for six-day visit to confer with GOJ on international disarmament. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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from TOKYOb. Comment: None4. Sato Supports British Efforts for Vietnam Conference

a. In speech at Japan-British Society dinner December 7 honoring Lord Chalfont, PriMin SATO welcomed FonSec Stewart's proposals for conference on Vietnam and said Japan would do all in its power to contribute to success of such conference. Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO subsequently told Asahi reporter that Sato's speech spelled out Japan's determination participate in such conference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Sato's statement supporting Stewart's efforts is consistent with GOJ policy favoring peaceful means settling Vietnam war. No paper other than Asahi carried Hashimoto's interpretation of Sato's speech and FonOff sources have told us that Hashimoto's interpretation had not been cleared by FonOff and was purely personal. British EmbOffs who heard speech told us Sato text failed support Chief Cabinet Secretary's version. While there are some in Japan who would like to see Japan participate in conference for Vietnam settlement, Hashimoto's statement appears premature. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. GOJ-GRC Friendship Promoted

a. Japan-China Cooperation Promotion Committee opened 10th annual meeting December 6. After addresses by Chairman Tadashi ADACHI, President of Japan Chamber of Commerce, and Vice Chairman Ku Cheng-kang, messages were heard from FonMin SHIINA, former PriMin KISHI, and GRC representatives Chang Chun and Ho Ying-Chin. Meeting then discussed methods strengthening relations between two countries. No conclusions of meeting yet reported. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Although meeting is unofficial, high standing and influence of conferees on both sides lend more than usual importance to meeting. (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. Seamen's Union Strike Continues (Ref. Embtel 1958).

a. Seamen's Union December 6 launched one-week "second wave" strike immediately following end of 10-day "first wave." (WEEKA 48, Item 5). Union Executive Board meeting December 10 expected to authorize "third wave" for undetermined period beginning December 13. Union and owners have not resumed direct negotiations but have been meeting separately with Maritime Labor Relations Commission. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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7. Promising JASDF Officer Drowns

a. JASDF Colonel Yasuhiko KUROE, Commander, 6th Tactical Wing at

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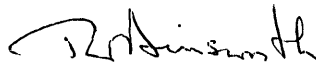
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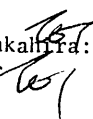
Komatsu Air Base, drowned December 5th in fishing accident. Veteran jet pilot and wartime ace, Colonel Kuroe was widely known and respected by U.S. Air Force officers. In 1963 he accompanied then JASDF Chief of Staff, General Takeshi MATSUDA, on trip to United States. Kuroe's successor not yet designated. (UNCLASSIFIED)

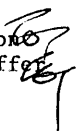
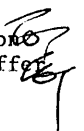
b. Comment: Loss of Colonel Kuroe will be felt by JASDF. Kuroe was vigorous leader of recognized capability and was slated for promotion to Major General early next year. (UNCLASSIFIED)


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FROM : AMEMBASSY TOKYO

DATE: December 17, 1965

SUBJECT : JOINT WEEKA NO. 50

REF :

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8. Aioi Named MSDF Fleet Chief

POLITICAL

1. Diet Completes Korea Treaty Ratification

a. House of Councillors December 11 passed bills for ratification treaty with ROK, related international agreements, and domestic legislation by unanimous vote (of LDP and DSP) after JSP, Komeito, JCP and NIIN Club walked out of plenary session. JSP, shortly before final action, abandoned plans to present numerous

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amendments to domestic legislation, evidently concluding that such tactics would not succeed in delaying legislation beyond December 13 end of special session, while presenting amendments would imply acknowledgment of basic validity of treaty package.

b. After ratification bill passed, JSP issued announcement that it "would not recognize validity" of agreements, and other opposition parties, apart from DSP, joined in condemning process of Diet action on ratification. Special session ran out December 13 without another plenary meeting in either house, despite LDP efforts to find some device to induce Socialists to begin steps toward reconciliation. Socialists and allies demanded resignation of Speaker Funada and Vice Speaker Tanaka of Lower House, restoration of situation existing before Upper House committee's action on treaty package (Weeka No. 49, Item 1), and deletion of items from supplementary budget as price of even talking with LDP about normalizing Diet proceedings either at end of special session or prior to beginning of regular session December 20. (UNCLASS.)

c. Comment: Manner of Diet handling of treaty package effectively precluded any widespread enthusiasm over ratification even though great majority of population clearly supported or acquiesced in passage. Repeated Diet disorders and parliamentary sleight-of-hand shifted focus from substance of normalizing relations with ROK to sorry state of parliamentary practice in Japan. What little common ground had existed between LDP and JSP largely disappeared in the process and GOJ/LDP was left faced with choice of accepting non-stop confrontation with opposition obstructionism in Diet in coming months or yielding to demands for excessive and politically painful concessions. (CONF.)

2. Speaker Funada Offers to Resign

a. As other LSP moves seeking openings for negotiations with Socialists produced no results, Lower House Speaker Naka Funada, appearing in public after month-long absence for reasons of health, indicated that he and Vice Speaker Tanaka would resign Speaker posts if this would contribute to early "long-term normalization" of Diet, by implication effective with convening of regular session December 20. Funada conferred with PriMin Sato December 14 and then met with LDP, JSP and DSP representatives to urge them to exert efforts to end deadlock and regularize inter-party relations in Diet so that supplementary budget could be passed before end of calendar year. DSP agreed to cooperate but JSP initial response was that resignation of

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Speaker and Vice Speaker would meet only part of their conditions for negotiating with LDP (See Item 1 above). JSP Central Executive Committee meeting December 17 to debate party's position. JSP Chairman Sasaki December 15 and Organization Bureau Director Eda December 16, in course of current provincial speaking tours, each took line that JSP should continue press LDP toward dissolution of Lower House through confrontation tactics in Diet. JSP opinion apparently divided between this hard line and "realists" who argue that ignoring Funada gesture would be unwise in terms of public attitude toward JSP. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: (Ref. Embtel 2112). In addition to uncertainty whether Socialists will accept arrangement palatable to LDP, Funada resignation itself likely to cause problems within LDP. Even though Diet Speaker is, in Japanese political tradition, recognized as subject to sacrifice to requirements of inter-party maneuvers, PriMin Sato's allowing Funada to take rap for handling of treaty package in Lower House would be likely to contribute to growing dissatisfaction in LDP over Sato's general political style and performance to date. There is wide belief that Sato himself must take responsibility for LDP Diet tactics. On other hand, some elements in conservative wing of LDP would prefer to put onus for Diet disruption on LDP SecGen Tanaka as means of weakening his influence within party. This atmosphere contributes to current rash of speculation that partial cabinet reshuffle may take place in January. Strong Socialist attitude also strengthens possibility of Lower House dissolution and general elections possibly before mid-1966, several months earlier than LDP leadership has planned. (CO NF.)

3. Codel Mansfield Visits Japan

a. Senate Majority Leader Mansfield and his party of four Senators visited Tokyo December 12-15 as last stop on round-the-world fact-finding tour. (UNCLASS.)

b. Comment: PriMin and other top GOJ officials who met Senators were interested primarily in Vietnam and in attitudes of countries Codel had visited. They expressed gratitude for U.S.'s effort to protect free world interests in Vietnam and explained that Japanese generally supported U.S. position but oppose bombing of North. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from Tokyo4. Korean FonMin's Visit

a. Korean FonMin Yi Dong Won visited Japan December 12 on way back from UNGA and saw Japanese PriMin Sato and FonMin Shiina before leaving for Seoul December 15. During meetings Japanese asked that ratifications of Japan-ROK treaty be exchanged December 18 rather than December 21 in order permit ministers attend Diet session which opens December 20. In response Yi's request for acceleration economic cooperation, Sato thought might be possible accelerate long-term loans. Shiina agreed in principle to Yi's suggestion for FE FonMin conference but not until upcoming Diet session over. Questions involving establishment Korean consulates in Japan and sales of Korean laver discussed inconclusively. Yi mentioned possibility tri-partite meeting of US-Japan-Korea during next US-Japan economic conference; Shiina said he would consider. (CONF.)

b. Comment: Shiina's agreement in principle to FE FonMin meeting and agreement consider tri-partite meeting goes much further toward meeting Korean desires than FonOff had previously indicated. (CONF.)

5. Non-Official Japan-GRC Talks Held

a. Japan-China Cooperation Committee, composed of influential individuals acting in private capacity, met December 6-10 in Tokyo to discuss mutual problems. Final communique announced agreement to strengthen Asian solidarity against Communism, promote loans to and investments in Taiwan, provide Japanese technical and financial assistance for establishment steel mill in Taiwan, increase personnel exchange program, especially in fields nuclear physics and literature, and emphasize Asian spirit. Chinese wanted statement included concerning recovery of mainland, but Japanese insisted that object should be containment of Chicoms. After meeting FonMin Shiina conferred on Ho Ying-chin, one of leading Chinese delegates, Grand Cordon of Order of Rising Sun, one of Japan's highest decorations, for his contributions to economic cooperation and to smooth repatriation of Japanese from China after war. (Ho was President Chiang's Chief of Staff during war. He, like Chiang, was graduate Japanese Imperial Army Officer's Training School and speaks Japanese fluently.) UNCLASS.)

b. Comment: Although committee is nongovernmental, prominent character of participants gives conference recommendations more than ordinary weight. (UNCLASS.)

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from Tokyo6. Japan-Korea Trade Meeting

a. Deputy Vice FonMin Nobuhiko Ushiba led 16-man delegation to Seoul December 15 for trade talks scheduled December 16-18. Talks will include discussions of imports Korean laver and other measures to correct trade imbalance. FonMins will attend final session of meeting December 18 after exchange of treaty ratifications. (UNCLASS.)

b. Comment: None

7. FonOff Diplomatic Transfers Announced

a. Cabinet December 14 approved transfer Ambassadors Senjin Tsuruoka from Sweden to Switzerland, Hiroichi Takagi from Denmark to Pakistan, and Ken Usui from Minister in Nicaragua to Bolivia as Ambassador. Ko Chiba, former Ambassador to UN, going to Australia, and FonOff counselor Toshio Yoshioka going to Syria. Shinjiro Tsumura, who was Ambassador to Cuba until 1962, assigned to Uruguay. Embassy has heard that ConGen Kinya Niizeki being transferred from Hong Kong to Director of Public Information Bureau in FonOff, whose present director, Akira Sono, is going to Yugoslavia. Ambassador Yujiro Izeki, now in The Netherlands, is mentioned for Korea. If he goes, Asian Bureau Director Torao Ushiroku may replace him, or otherwise may get Seoul. If Ushiroku assigned abroad, Director Research Division Heishiro Ogawa is top contender for Asian Bureau slot. (CONF.)

b. Comment: Most changes routine. Public Information slot will remain in hands of Soviet specialist. Ogawa is China specialist and, as Director of Research has kept close watch on mainland. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

MILITARY8. Aioi Named MSDF Fleet Chief

a. GOJ December 14 announced appointment of Vice Admiral Takahide Aioi as Commander-in-Chief, Maritime Self-Defense Fleet, and Vice Admiral Harutoshi Okamoto as Commander, Fleet Air Force.

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Aioi replaces Vice Admiral Susumu Ishiguro, who is retiring, while Okamoto succeeds Aioi. (UNCLASS.)


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FROM : AMEMBASSY TOKYO

DATE: December 23, 1965

SUBJECT: JOINT WEEKA NO. 51

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2. Korean Treaty Ratifications Exchanged
3. Private Fishing Agreement with Chicom
4. FonMin's Trip to Moscow
5. Okinawa-Election of Chief Executive
6. SSN and Seven Other Naval Ships Arrive at Sasebo

POLITICAL

1. Diet "Normalized"; Budget Deliberations Begun

a. Conference December 19 between LDP SecGen Kakuei Tanaka, JSP SecGen Tomomi Narita, and other officials of two parties produced agreement on Diet "normalization" on basis that Diet management in future should guarantee free discussion, with special respect for opinions of minorities, and that physical obstructionism should be avoided. Shortly thereafter, Lower House Speaker Naka Funada and Vice Speaker Isaji Tanaka publicly

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submitted resignations as earlier pledged (Weeka No. 50, Item 2). LDP announced choice of Kikuichiro Yamaguchi and Sunao Sonoda as new Speaker and Vice Speaker, respectively.

b. 51st Diet session opened on schedule December 20 and duly elected Yamaguchi and Sonoda to new posts as first item of business. Supplementary budget bill then introduced, with plenary session debate lasting late into night after FinMin Fukuda's explanatory speech. Budget bill referred next day to Budget Committee where Socialist opposition began subjecting Prime Minister Sato and cabinet to wide-ranging interpellation on foreign and defense policies as well as domestic economic matters.

c. GOJ reportedly hoping to pass supplementary budget, including special authorization for issuance of bonds to cover budget deficit, before end of year, but has given up goal of obtaining cabinet approval of draft of 1966 regular budget and presenting budget bill to Diet before December 31.
(UNCLASSIFIED)

d. Comment: (Ref. Embtels 2169, 2197). Funada-Tanaka resignation, which served to permit opening of Diet session on schedule and to initiate debate on supplementary budget, was product of pressures on both sides to end deadlock. JSP has indicated willingness to permit passage of most of supplementary budget package, especially those items in which JSP has strong political interest; e.g., pay measures for government workers and disaster relief funds. JSP, however, still maintains strong opposition to deficit bond item, and some elements in JSP call for determined effort to "force LDP into corner" and perhaps goad it into unreasonable limitation of debate thus violating "normalization agreement." LDP Diet sources divided in estimate of JSP intentions. If JSP should resort to determined filibuster under "normalization agreement" terms, GOJ might have to dissolve Lower House as early as January. On the other hand, most LDP sources seem confident that JSP will go along despite outward show of opposition to deficit bond item and allow both supplementary budget and deficit bond authorization to pass before end of year. JSP leaders could still claim that LDP had shown incapacity by failing for first time in five years to get regular budget bill submitted to Diet before January 1. (CONFIDENTIAL).

2. Korean Treaty Ratifications Exchanged

a. FonMin Etsusaburo Shiina and Korean FonMin Yi Tong-Won exchanged ratifications of Basic Relations Treaty and related documents at Seoul, December 18, thus ending fourteen years of tortuous negotiations.

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Messages of congratulations exchanged by PriMin Sato with President Pak and PriMin Chong Il-Kwon. Japanese public largely apathetic to event. Major newspapers ran routine editorials stating that much tact and patience will be required on both sides to make agreements work. Ambassadors not yet named; Kenzo Yoshida, formerly Minister Counselor in London, is Japanese charge in Seoul. GOJ opened consulate in Pusan and has agreed to Korean consulates in Sapporo, Sendai, Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka, Kobe, Shimonoseki, and Fukuoka. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Fact that an event so long in the making aroused so little excitement may be attributed to way negotiations have been conducted during past year, with ample opportunity at each step of way to let off steam. Special Diet session had closed with public and political attention focused on internal Japanese political disputes rather than on relations with Korea, and there was plenty of new business at hand. There are rumors that Ambassador Kim will return to Tokyo, but his designation being held up by lack of agreement on Japanese Ambassador to Korea, with Koreans apparently still refusing extend agreement for Yujiro Izeki, now Ambassador to Netherlands. (CONFIDENTIAL)

3. Private Fishing Agreement with Chicoms

a. Ten-man delegation from Japan-China Fishing Association, headed by Kitaro Tokushima, President of Tokushima Fisheries Co., signed private fishing agreement with Fishing Association of China in Peking December 17. Agreement replaced one signed 1963, which expired December 22. According one press report, new agreement is more restrictive than previous one and will result in decrease of catch by 20-30 percent. Joint statement issued at same time as agreement signed condemned U.S. "imperialist" policy in Vietnam and ROK-Japan treaty. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Fishing Association has no connection with GOJ. Members of delegation, met by press on return to Tokyo, hinted that statement resulted from Chicom threats at even heavier fishing restrictions. If 20-30 percent cut in catch is true, Chicoms will have forced Japanese fishermen accept much worse terms than GOJ obtained in Korean treaty. Hopefully this will not be lost upon fishermen. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. FonMin's Trip to Moscow

a. FonMin Shiina announced December 21 he would visit Moscow for five days beginning January 15, later postponed to January 20, and is seeking Bonn's concurrence to delay second regular Japan-German ministerial meeting by one week to January 17. Shiina will sign Japan-Soviet

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civil aviation agreement, according announcement.

b. Comment: FonOff told press reason for postponement of Moscow visit is necessity of Shiina's presence in Tokyo for Diet work on budget. It seems likely, however, that postponement resulted at least in part from delay in completing negotiation on civil aviation agreement. FonOff source says Shiina also expects discuss Vietnam and general international situation while in Moscow. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Okinawa-Election of Chief Executive

a. Japanese Government and press welcomed December 20 amendment to U.S. Executive Order providing for election of Chief Executive by Ryukyuan legislature. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Although acknowledging that Executive Order amendment fell short of meeting Okinawans' desire for direct popular election, Japan regarded change as significant step in direction of satisfying Okinawans' desire for more self-government, hence favorable to conservative Japanese interest in minimizing friction in and concerning Ryukyus. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

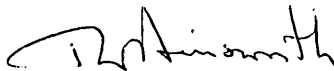
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6. SSN and Seven Other Naval Ships Arrive at Sasebo

a. USS PLUNGER, seventh SSN to visit Sasebo, USS HORNET and six other naval ships arrived Sasebo morning of December 20 to spend holiday season in port. Visit received extensive media coverage, but usual leftist opposition extremely light and subdued. Local Sasebo merchants publicly expressed pleasure at opportunity of serving large number of liberty personnel. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: None

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FROM : AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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POLITICAL

1. Vice President Humphrey's Visit

a. Vice President and Mrs. Humphrey, accompanied by Presidential Assistant and Mrs. Jack Valenti and other members of special presidential mission, visited Tokyo December 28-29 on way to inauguration of new Philippine President Marcos. Vice President was received by Emperor and had discussions and lunch with Prime Minister Sato, FonMin Shina, and other GOJ leaders. Press gave extensive favorable coverage to news that Vice President

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expressed to Sato hope that Japan would cooperate in all possible ways to seek peace in Vietnam, and in meantime contribute to relief and rehabilitation efforts in South Vietnam. After visit announced December 25, left wing opposition, led by JCP organ Akahata, made abortive effort to rally protests against visit, but could stir up only minimal demonstrations of about 3,000 protestors evening December 28 and handful of Commie line petitions to Embassy December 29. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Comment: Brevity of visit and short advance public notice limited public impact, but GOJ leaders clearly pleased with discussions with Vice President. Visit particularly timely, coming shortly after Sato administration cleaned up long-pending normalization of relations with ROK and on day of signing new Civair agreement between U.S. and Japan, consequently at time when GOJ leadership eager for events which would symbolize new directions and measures of cooperation with U.S., notably efforts for constructive solution in Vietnam. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2 Diet Recesses with Finance Measures Partly Resolved

a. Diet passed supplementary budget bill December 27 but left deficit bond authorization (Week No. 51, Item 1) pending in Upper House in accordance reported agreement between Liberal Democratic Party and Japanese Socialist Party. Diet scheduled reconvene January 17 and press reports GOJ/LDP hopes deficit bond authorization can be passed almost immediately thereafter. JSP convention beginning January 19 and LDP convention January 22 will cause further suspension of business. (UNCLASSIFIED).

b. Comment: Manner of postponing action on deficit bond authorization avoided appearance of Sato defeat on issue. Press and political observers generally expressed belief that delay was part of agreement for Diet normalization (Week No. 51, Item 1). Finance Ministry source told Embassy that year-end expenses could be met through additional issuance of treasury bills, authorized in supplementary budget package. Both political parties appeared relieved at hiatus in Diet proceedings. Appears certain there will be intensive stocktaking by leadership on both sides before Diet reconvenes. Socialists in particular need time to reassess accomplishments and probably will exchange charges and counter charges centering on allegations of behind-scenes deals with LDP, and question what strong line against ROK treaty ratification followed by apparent cave-in has done to public confidence in JSP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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from Tokyo3. U.S. -Japan Civil Aviation Agreement Amended

a. Ambassador Reischauer and Foreign Minister Shiina December 28 exchanged notes amending U.S. -Japan Civil Aviation Agreement, principal features being Japanese receipt of traffic rights across U.S. to New York and beyond and U.S. acquisition of traffic rights at Osaka. Amendment marks conclusion of prolonged negotiations and received generally favorable comment in Japanese press. (UNCLASSIFIED).

b. Comment: U.S. -Japan civil aviation relations had attracted more public attention in Japan than might be expected because of general media attitude that existing agreement concluded in 1952 was "unequal." Although some press comment looked gift horse rather carefully in mouth, arguing that "inequality" not yet fully removed, general atmosphere was one of satisfaction that Japan obtained major objective in this issue which had brought some degree of friction to U.S. -Japan relations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

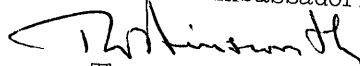
4. Seamen Strike to Begin Again in January. (Weeka No. 49, Item 6)

a. On December 28 Central Executive Committee of Seamen's Union (Kaiin) approved "fourth wave" of strike for latter part of January. Final decision on date and duration to be made at joint meeting of CEC and heads of regional union offices on January 13. Third wave of strike ended on December 25. Both Kaiin and shipowners have rejected conciliation plan drawn up by Seamen's Labor Relations Board. (UNCLASSIFIED)

b. Director of Kaiin International Affairs says further mediation efforts by SLRB likely to be window-dressing because settlement impossible without raising domestic shipping rates and revising present Ministry of Transportation reorganization plan for shipping industry, both of which are political decisions to be made by Prime Minister since Transportation Ministry opposes both points. Union, Kaiin source says, is amenable to "face-saving compromise" for GOJ but feels earliest possible solution would follow end of "fourth wave." Union is carefully avoiding strike/action which would hurt economy sufficiently to allow Prime Minister to issue injunction against strike. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

c. Comment: None

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